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## In brief Town meeting focuses on student safety

**Laura Longobardi**  
News Editor

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Chief Copy Editor

### African American Catholics and Catechism

The 2nd Annual African American Catholic Catechetical Conference will open on the morning of Nov. 4 and end Nov. 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in San Diego.

This event is part of November's African American Catholic History Month.

### What would you ask Carmen?

Oct. 26, Aromas will host Conversations with Carmen from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m..

This is an opportunity for students to discuss issues that are relevant to the student community with Carmen Vasquez, the Vice President for student affairs.

### Young Democrats addresses your issues

Nov. 4, USD's Young Democrats will be holding an open forum from 6:00-9:00 p.m. to address issues affecting young voters.

Speakers include Congresswoman Susan Davis and Congressional Candidate Francine Busby.

Tickets may be purchased at the UC Box Office

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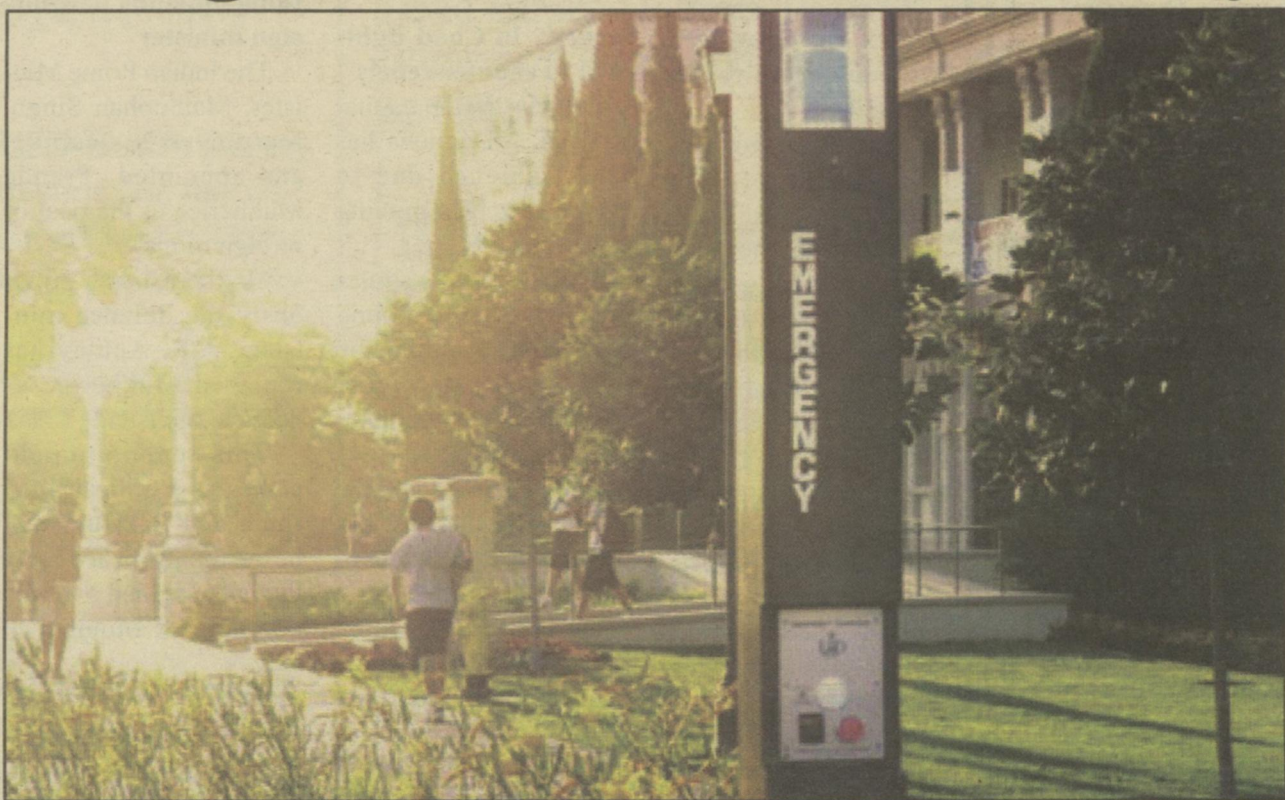
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The USD campus community gathered in a Town Hall Meeting to discuss safety, concerns, and courses of action in reaction to recent violent assaults in Mission Beach.

The Oct. 24 meeting took place in Manchester Conference Center and featured panelists from USD administration as well as the San Diego Police Department.

SDPD Northern Division Capt. Boyd Long opened the discourse with the most current details regarding the arrests of suspects involved in the Oct. 15 assaults at Mission Beach. At the time of the meeting, two suspects had been arraigned (the outcome unknown) while another two were in custody. Long said there may be additional witnesses in the case, and the SDPD is continuing to follow those leads. "At this point we are confident that we have the four suspects in custody that were involved in this case," Long said.

VP of Student Affairs Carmen Vasquez addressed the University's response to the attacks over the past week and a



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Tuesday's town meeting addressed issues of student safety and concerns both on-campus and off-campus in wake of violent assaults in Mission Beach.

half. Vasquez emphasized that the primary concern of the University was to address the safety and well-being of the victims, "I know that there was some concern on campus about not having enough factual information about what happened," Vasquez said. "What's important for you to know is that ... the ID, and the college ID of those students was also stolen. And protecting identity and privacy was very critical at that point."

Long corroborated Vasquez's remarks. "As

these cases unfold, we are reluctant to give a great deal of information out. We don't want the perpetrator in this case to know that we have this information. We don't want the perpetrator to get out of our hands."

The conversation moved from issues addressing these specific assaults to issues regarding safety and prevention of assaults in the future.

"This event that happened last week was horrific," Long said. "But I will assure you as the captain of my division

that we will work hard to keep you safe, to keep the beach safe, but the thing we need to go forward with today is how we will make that happen."

One student expressed his personal concern about the gunpoint robberies that occurred in the Mission Beach area prior to the Oct. 15 attacks, asking if the increased . Long stated that the extra officers placed to deter crime in Mission Beach would be present for the next month, and would not be removed unless they were needed for an-

other critical incident in another area of San Diego. He also stated the importance of citizens reporting suspicious activity in order to help police stop crime.

Vasquez addressed the critical importance of consciousness and awareness as a means of taking action against crime.

"Some of the students that were involved communicated that they didn't think they had to think about their safety

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## Academic Integrity Week promotes honor code

**Natalie Zanzucchi**  
Editor In Chief

In a country where a reported 70 percent of college students have admitted to cheating, USD stands out as an institution committed to academic integrity.

In a survey conducted by the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University in June of 2005, 70 percent of 60,000 college students polled admitted to "some cheating" and about 25

percent admitted to "one or more instances of serious cheating on written assignments." Compare this to 36.3 percent of 532 undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences at USD who admitted to cheating "a few times" in a 2005 survey reported in the NASPA Journal during the summer of 1997.

To raise awareness about academic integrity and the issues that arise when students violate the current Academic Integrity

Policy, Associated Students and the Honor Council will host "Academic Integrity Week" from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3.

"The statistics for incidents of cheating at American universities are staggering," Kris Kildosher, AS Director of Academics, said. "We want USD to stand out as a university of honor."

The Honor Council, currently under the

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Senior Bridget Dixon speaks with student representatives from the World of Good Reception at the USD bookstore Tuesday, Oct. 24 to learn about fair trade products and try some free trade products. Student representatives were available to answer questions about what free trade is.



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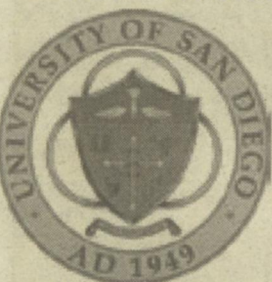
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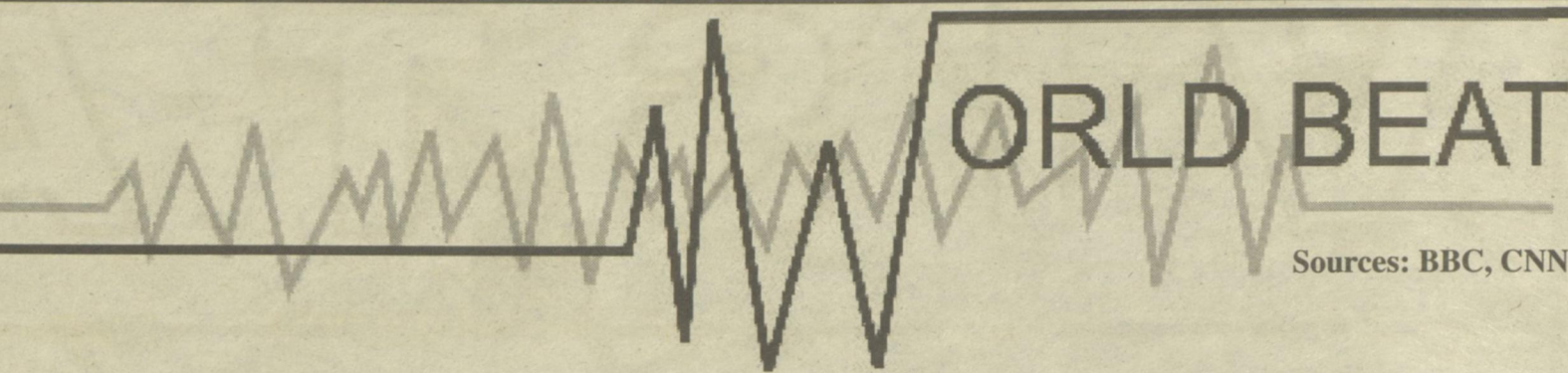
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### Laura Longobardi News Editor

#### Riots in Hungary commemorate revolt in 1956

Demonstrators in Hungary served the dual purpose of commemorating the 50th anniversary of the country's revolt against Soviet rule and protesting Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany on Oct. 23.

Prime Minister Gyurcsany has been faced with serious opposition from Hungarian citizens since he admitted to lying to win his election.

Police used tear gas to subdue the protesters, who were allegedly throwing stones at security fences.

Earlier protests in other areas had also

been broken up by police in Hero's Square in Budapest.

#### Security in Chad tightened to counter rebels

Security in the capital of Chad, N'Djamena has been tightened due to reports of rebels moving toward the city.

There are tanks strategically positioned around key areas, including the presidential palace, and there are military vehicles patrolling the city.

The rebels began the offensive in the East but are now near the town of Mongo.

On Oct. 22, the Union of Forces for Democracy and Development rebel force seized the town of Gos Beida.

On Oct. 23, the rebels claimed to have taken the town of Am Timan. The government has denied that Am Timan has fallen

and urged the city to remain calm.

#### India appoints new foreign minister

The Indian Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, rearranged his cabinet and appointed Pranda Mukherjee to the post of foreign minister.

Mukherjee was previously the defence minister. A.K. Antony has replaced Mukherjee as defence minister.

This reappointment comes at a critical time. India and Pakistan will be resuming peace talks that were stalled over the bombing of Mumbai in July.

#### China launches satellites

China launched two satellites into space on board a carrier rocket Oct. 23.

China launched its first

satellite in 1970 and have launched around 50 satellites since then.

These satellites are designed to explore the environment of space and to conduct related experiments.

China is only the third country after the U.S. and the Soviet Union to put a man in space.

#### Bali militants released early

Two Islamic militants responsible for the Bali bombings four years ago were freed Oct. 24 and several others had their sentences reduced.

Indonesia traditionally cuts prison terms for some inmates on national holidays. These pardons were to mark the end of Ramadan.

This decision to release convicted terrorists may anger many of the countries who lost citizens in

the 2002 bombings.

The two men released from prison were convicted of hiding two of the men who plotted the planting of the bombs.

Prisoners on death row or sentenced to life terms were not eligible for a reduction in their prison terms.

#### Algerian insurgents attack Malian rebels

Algerian Islamic insurgents attacked a group of former Tuareg rebels Oct. 23, killing nine.

The attack took place in the desert north of Mali, about 95 miles from the city of Kidal.

This attack came a month after the murder of a leader of the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat, an Algerian rebel group.

## Police rally addresses county-wide issues of officer retention

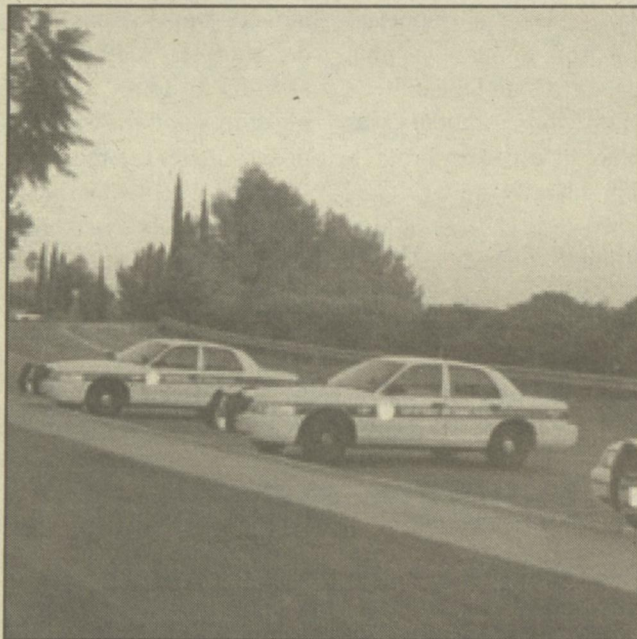
### Laura Longobardi News Editor

Officers of the San Diego Police Department Association will hold a rally and march Nov. 14 outside San Diego City Hall. They will demand that the city hire more officers and also encourage the city to do more to retain the officers that are still part of the Police Department on.

This march was originally scheduled for Oct. 24, but has been rescheduled to Nov. 14 in respect of the death of former city councilman George Stevens.

Afternoon activities have been rescheduled so that officers can attend the funeral on Oct. 24.

The San Diego Police Officer's Association, SDPOA, represents the officers of the San Diego Police Department. They are concerned with the rate the SDPD has been



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The police rally hopes to gain more members to the dwindling San Diego police force.

losing its officers.

According to William Carter, the incidents at Mission Beach several weeks ago prove that there is a severe need for more officers on the streets.

"I saw numerous students at the community meeting and it's important for them to know that we, the officers on the street

are doing as much as we can with what we have," said William Carter in a recent e-mail.

Mission Beach is not the only area that is short-handed. On a typical night in Ocean Beach, there are usually only one or two officers working. According to the SDPOA web site, the City of San Diego

does not adequately compensate officers and many of the officers trained in San Diego move to other parts of the state where there are more incentives for staying.

These officers often leave for Riverside County and Murrieta County. In addition, around \$560,000 is invested in the training of a new police officer in the first five years.

If these officers are leaving for other agencies, San Diego taxpayers are paying to train police officers that will not be working in their district.

According to the SDPOA website, in addition to being understaffed by 200 officers, about one-tenth of the department, there are another 160 officers who are unable to work due to injury or other causes.

The officers leaving often have a great deal of experience with police work in the San Diego area. Many officers have

nearly 20 years of experience, in addition to training.

The Independent Analysis Budget Report acknowledges the city's difficulties with retaining qualified officers and the small pool of qualified applicants from which to select new officers.

The analysis acknowledges that the primary problem with keeping officers is because officers are not sufficiently compensated for their work and many officers do not see any resolution for this problem in the near future.

This analysis hopes to further explore how to keep officers through a compensation and benefits study.

According to KUSI News, law enforcement agencies from the west were competing for new recruits at the annual San Diego Law Enforcement Expo.



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

## Check it out...

### Your Very Own "Be Well" Calendar

Well, hello Toreros. This is Charles Mansour, your Associated Students Director of Wellness. I just wanted to inform you of some upcoming campus-wide "Wellness" initiatives. Be sure to mark your calendars for these "feel good (or is it well?) events!"

#### October 30th (Check your USD e-mail!): USD Health Survey

:All USD students are being asked to complete this on-line campus-wide survey conducted every other year to assess student health and wellness and help guide the wellness initiatives for the future!

:Did I mention there are several prizes (choice of airfare/surfboard/\$500 gift card, and that's just for the grand prize winner!) for those who participate?

:Make sure not to delete the e-mails you receive, as you will need these to participate in the survey. Complete it; don't delete it!

#### October- November 21st: Cold & Flu Prevention Campaign

:There will be a convenient flu shot clinic outside the Health Center every Tuesday beginning October 17 through November 21st for students, staff, and faculty to receive flu shots for only \$20! Get yours while supplies last!

:Special Halloween Clinic will be held Tuesday, October 31st at the tables outside the UC. Stop by to get your flu shot and to meet some of your Health Center staff!

#### November 16 (Outside the UC): Great American Smoke Out

:This is a nationwide event to encourage and celebrate those who want to quit smoking! Free "cold turkey" sandwiches to the first 5 "quitters" and info and freebies for everyone!

:Also, we will be raising awareness of USD's new Tobacco Policy.

Alright, Toreros, that's all I have for you at this time. Be sure you check out the "Wellness" site to get more familiar with our awesome resources here at USD!

[www.sandiego.edu/wellness](http://www.sandiego.edu/wellness)

## What's goimng on TODAY

Thursday, October 26

Kappa Kappa Gamma presents

### BREASTIVAL

Dead Hours 12-2pm, In front of the UC  
Come and learn about Breast Cancer as well as have fun!

### iLL-Literacy Keynote presented by

FUSO, the United Front, and AS

TONIGHT, 7pm-9pm UC Forum A

Come see this group that combines theater, spoken word poetry, and music in a dynamic performance addressing issues of culture, race, hate, and respect. Don't miss out on this opportunity to check out a cultural performance that speaks to our generation. And of course, plenty of great Filipino food will be served. Tell your friends!

## HALLOWEEN EVENTS

### Trick or Treat with Linda Vista Kids

Friday, October 27, 2006

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Maher Hall, University Center

Please contact Gina Roaldi at [groaldi@hotmail.com](mailto:groaldi@hotmail.com) for more information.

### Pumpkin Carving

Friday, October 27, 2006

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, In front of the UC



### Rocky Horror Picture Show

Saturday, October 28, 2006

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Aromas Lawn

### Seniors! Avoid Scary Surprises before graduation.

Come to the Senior Informational on Halloween!

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM, UC 107, Please contact Jennifer

Fernandez, [jennifer-07@sandiego.edu](mailto:jennifer-07@sandiego.edu), for more information.

## PERSONALS

Meet your AS Leadership Team!

### LEAN, MEAN, WELLNESS MACHINE

Name: Charles Mansour

Position: Director of WELLNESS

Likes: Traveling, food, tennis, service

Will be making appearances at all upcoming wellness events (above), check them out!



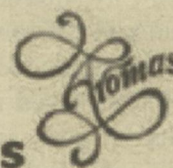
**FUN FACT:** Jack-o-lanterns trace back to an old Irish tale about a man named Stingy Jack

### Saturday Night at Aromas

October, 28, 9pm

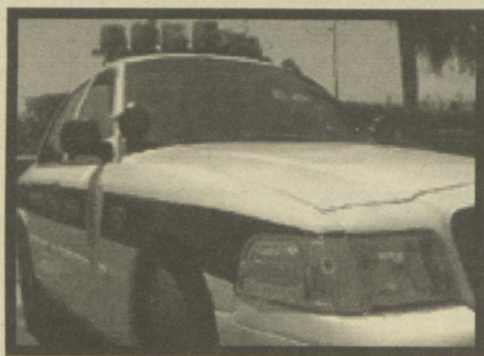
Alcohol & Other Drug Services

presents **Halloween at Aromas**



**BOO! ...It's  
your A.S.**





## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Oct. 17 - Oct. 22

**Manchester Village Garage:** At 12:48 p.m. Public Safety responded to a report of a theft of a motorcycle helmet that was secured to a motorcycle. The helmet was taken by cutting the chin strap.

**Alcala Vista East Lot:** At 7:39 a.m. Public Safety responded to a report of a theft of four vehicle wheels/tires from a parked vehicle located in the lower parking lot behind the Sports Center. Upon investigation the right front door lock had been broken and the battery cables had been cut. Upon further investigation five wheel locks that had been left in the vehicle's glove compartment were missing and had likely been used to remove the wheels

from the vehicle. Fingerprints were taken from the scene and the theft is under further investigation by the San Diego Police Department.

**Laguna:** At 12:26 a.m. Public Safety and Resident Assistant cited two resident students for Minor in Possession and one resident student was cited for consuming alcohol in the presence of minors, which is a USD housing violation.

**Camino Hall:** At 4:11 p.m. Public Safety responded to a complaint of excessive noise coming from a resident hall room. Upon investigation the resident was contacted and complied with the request to turn the music down.

**Palomar:** At 6:16 p.m. Public Safety responded to a report of the smell of marijuana coming from a resident hall room. Upon investigation one resident student was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and two resident students were cited for being in the presence of marijuana.

**Missions A:** At 11:35 p.m. Resident Assistants cited seven resident students for being in the presence of alcohol.

**Missions A:** At 2:03 a.m. Public Safety responded to a complaint of excessive noise coming from a group of males playing football outside the resident hall windows. Upon investigation the

individuals were no longer in the area.

**San Luis:** At 7:47 a.m. Public Safety responded to a report of a theft of a motorcycle helmet that was secured to a motorcycle with a factory lock.

**Cuyamaca:** At 8:13 p.m. Public Safety responded to a report of the smell of marijuana coming from a resident hall room. Upon investigation one resident student was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, Minor in Possession and damage to university property for a closet door that had been removed and damaged. Two additional students were cited for being in the presence of marijuana and alcohol.

**Cuyamaca:** At approximately 11:19 p.m. Resident Assistants cited sixteen resident students for Minors in Possession.

**Main Kiosk:** At approximately 2:33 a.m. Public Safety Officers observed a female student who appeared to be extremely intoxicated and requiring medical attention. Paramedics were called to evaluate the student. The student was then transported by ambulance to the hospital for possible alcohol poisoning.

**San Luis:** At approximately 2:46 a.m. Resident Assistants cited five resident students for Minors in Possession.

## Student concerns recognized at meeting

## Town Meeting, continued

the beach." All panelists echoed the sentiments that the victims share no blame in what happened to them, but that there are still ways we can all exercise safety and responsibility. Lt. Brian Ahern from the SDPD encouraged students to get involved with a Neighborhood Watch program. Ahern referred to a flyer containing crime prevention strategies composed by Public Safety's Rebecca Torres as a good guide for students to prevent future crime. Overall, Ahern emphasized following instincts as the best way to prevent crime. "If the hair on the back of your neck starts to stand up, that means remove yourself from that situation. You can't explain why, but act on your instincts."

"Criminals are lazy," Mission Beach City Attorney Theresa Martin said. "If you get involved in Neighborhood Watch and you get involved in your community ... you can make your community look tougher to get into." Martin also noted the importance of knowing your neighbors as a means of protecting yourself and your property.

Addressing the need for on-campus as well as off-campus security, Asst. VP for Public Safety Larry Barnett directed students on campus to not leave their doors propped open when

they leave their residence halls, not let people follow them in through locked areas and be vigilant in reporting suspicious activity.

Assistant VP of Student Affairs Marie Minnick pointed to the University's continued attention to sexual assaults. "We need to be a community of care, we need to be aware that these things happen, and we need to report these incidents when they do happen so we can take care of them," Minnick said. Asst. Dean of Students with the Department of Residence Life Dayanne Izmirian pointed specifically to orientation programs like Katie Kessner's keynote as a way the university educates the campus community about sexual assault, as well as extensive training programs for Residential Life staff with Public Safety and the Counseling Center.

Senior Andrea Fay stated that this crime has surfaced a deeply seated fear of assault for her as a woman. Barnett recommended RAD (Rape Aggression Defense Systems for Women), a free program made available to all women through Public Safety to learn risk-reduction and practical defense techniques. Izmirian encouraged all women to contact the Women's Center if they wished to get involved with activism against assault. Minnick added that "the most powerful impact on the commu-

nity can come from [students]. I want to support and assist anyone who wants to make this their passion." Vazquez emphasized the importance of overcoming fear by taking action, proposing a Take Back the Beach rally in conjunction with San Diego State and UCSD to address issues of abuse and assault.

Ahern ended the discussion by speaking to the importance of men's roles in addressing sexual assault. "If I was to say anything to the young men in this audience right now its when you go out for the evening with a group of friends that includes women, it's not just their responsibility to protect themselves, its yours as well ... they need you." Ahern said.

Panelists also included Director of the Counseling Center Steve Sprinkle and Director of Prevention for Alcohol and Other Drug Services Julie Barnett. AS Vice President of Student Issues Courtney Sakai moderated the discussion.

In a personal interview after the Town Hall Meeting with Vazquez, she noted that there is hope to be found in these seemingly hopeless situations, drawing on her experience as a university administrator in New York during 9/11. "It sometimes takes us seeing the worst of humanity in order to bring out the best in humanity." Vazquez said.

## Honor Code makes students accountable

## Academic Integrity, continued

direction of Associated Students, has been in the process of drafting an Honor Code for the past several years. "This is something that affects the entire community," Josh Hamilton, Chairman of the Honor Council, said.

The Honor Code would shift accountability from faculty and administration to the student body. "The whole point is trying to create a culture where students feel accountable to each other," Kildosher said.

Before the honor code can be fully implemented, as Hamilton hopes will happen by the end of this academic year, the code will need to be approved and ratified by several committees including, but not limited to, AS Senate, the University Senate, the Board of Trustees and the student body.

The Center for Academic Integrity reports a positive correlation between universities that have adopted honor codes and lower reported cheating. Hamilton explains the tangible value of adopting an honor code is the reputation of the institution as one that supports and upholds the values implicit in an honor code and this reputation extends to the value of your diploma.

Last weekend members of the Honor Council at USD attended an academic integrity conference in Boulder, Colorado where Dr. Patrick Drynan received the Don McCabe Integrity Award, a distinction awarded to individuals who have demonstrated a long standing commitment to academic integrity at a national level. Dr. Drynan's award, Hamilton said, "shows the caliber of professors and faculty at USD. USD is known for its commitment to those ideals."

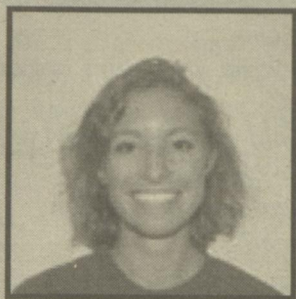
The Honor Council has received campus wide support in its endeavor to officially adopt an honor code. "Everyone has really been on board," Hamilton said. "[We are] on the threshold of making this a reality at USD."

In an effort to hold open discourse about cheating and academic integrity at USD, Academic Integrity Week will feature a viewing of the film "School Ties" in Mission Crossroads on Mon., Oct. 30 after which a conversation about academic honor will take place.

Additionally, author of "The Cheating Culture," David Callahan will be on campus on Wed., Nov. 1 at 7:15 p.m. in UC Forum AB to discuss academic integrity in the context of high pressure American culture.



## FDA policy ignores patient consent rights



**Sarah Miller**  
Opinion Editor

How safe is the FDA's policy on experimenting with new drugs? A controversial yet highly unknown process, clinical trials of new drugs must pass through four stages before the FDA will allow the drug in common use.

The first stage checks to see if the new drug is toxic by testing it on healthy volunteers. The second stage measures safety through a small "pilot" study and then by tests on a larger (50 - 300) person trial.

Depending on the results of the second stage, the third stage, a large-scale test, is designed to demonstrate the new drug's clinical benefit and effectiveness in whatever it is supposed to treat. Once this study has been completed, the FDA then makes a decision on whether or not to approve the use of the drug.

This process sounds great until you read the details of the testing. A small caveat in this framework falls under stage three.

"FDA rule stipulates that patients physically unable to give their consent can receive an experimental (but so far safe) drug without their permission, provided community outreach has been done to inform potential patients that such a trial is taking place in their area," according to a recent article in Popular Science.

I am a large proponent of ensuring safe and effective drugs for our hospitals and using an experimental drug on a person who does not consent is absolutely immoral.

If someone knowingly volunteers to participate in an experiment to test a new drug, the experimenter is

completely within rights to administer an unapproved drug to that person.

When science begins to enforce its progress on the health of unsuspecting people, however, there is something seriously wrong with its priorities.

This rule has numerous flaws that render it absurd. First, lack of consent undermines the basic rights of humans upheld in this country and is completely unethical.

Second, just because outreach has occurred in a person's area does not mean that they would consent to volunteer in an experiment. It does not follow that knowledge about an event leads to approval or participation.

Third, how much outreach needs to occur before enough effort has been given to ensure a population will know about a specific experiment? Most researchers do not have enough money to adequately fund appropriate levels of outreach.

With highly controversial research being conducted, it seems strange that our government organizations should allow such experimentation to be considered.

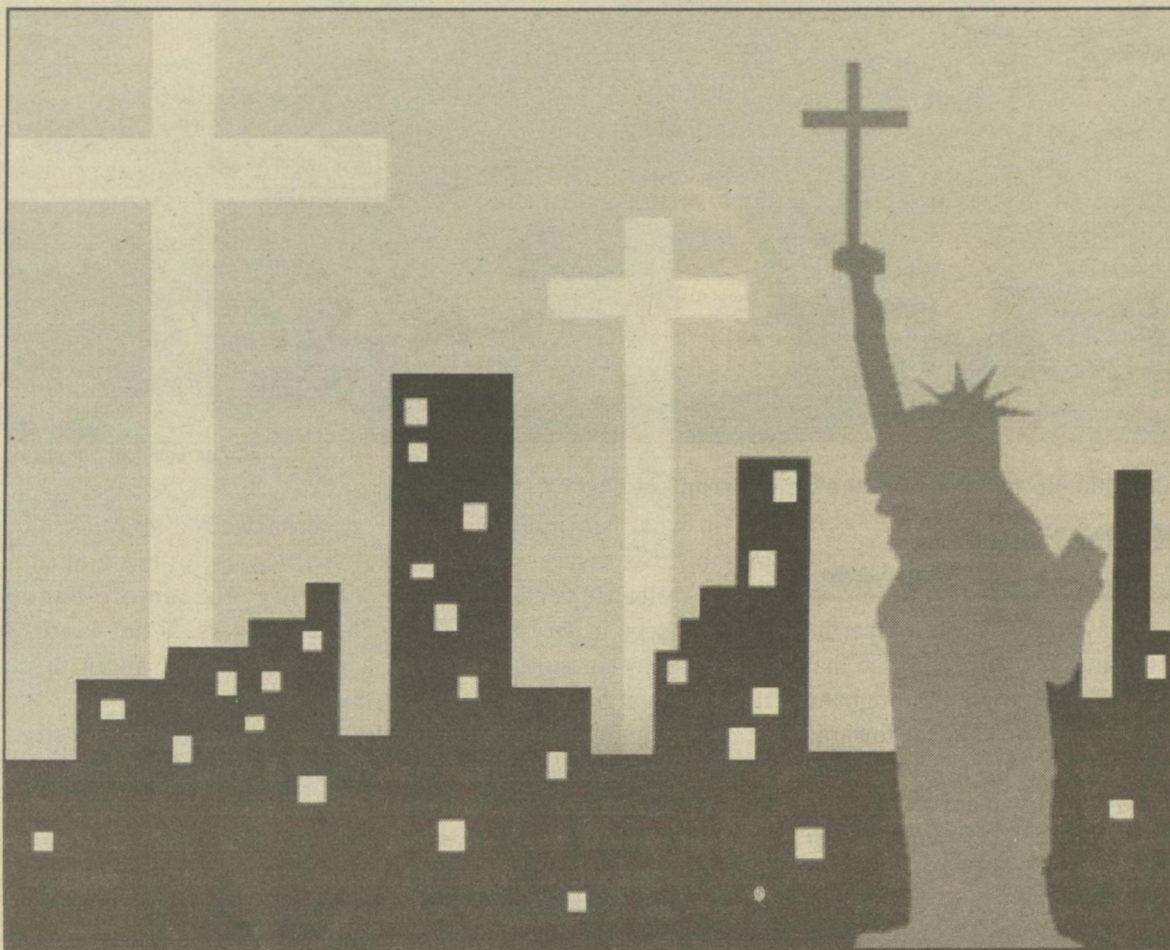
The new blood substitute, oxycte, is one example of a new medical solution that has not been approved, but may be used on unsuspecting patients. It already has been used on children of parents who agree to its use.

Although there are some results that show that oxycte is highly effective in brain injuries, the long term effects of this drug have not been shown. Its curious side effects are not altogether known. Oxycte is currently in stage two of the FDA's drug trial process.

By experimenting on people who do not give their consent, experimenters are taking too much liberty and power which is not theirs.

The FDA should be ensuring the safety and rights of all humans, especially those without the ability to defend their own persons. The process by which a new drug is tested and accepted needs to be changed.

## Religious organizations favored by government



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**Mollie Watschke**  
Guest Writer

Religious organizations have fared far better under Bush's "Faith Based Initiative" and Chief Justice Rehnquist's Supreme Court than they have in all of America's history.

Still, there are some in the conservative right who claim that religious organizations are suffering from a nationwide "War on Religion" where religion has been reduced to a second-class superstition.

To combat this perceived threat to religious freedom, more and more legislation has been passed that overwhelmingly benefits religious organizations, especially in the last 15 years.

For example, religious organizations are not subject to regulations or licensing procedures for their day care programs. They also do not have to pay taxes and do not have to file IRS reports on their business activities.

In Boulder, CO one church is even challenging the zoning laws that have kept suburban sprawl from destroying the natural beauty that makes Boulder famous.

All of these special breaks amount to what Dr. Whitte of the Emory Law School calls a "religious affirmative action program."

Could this be what the Founders intended when they

engineered the right to enjoy freedom of religion and separation of church and state?

Religious organizations are expanding into services previously thought to be provided only by privately owned businesses, such as day care, gyms, and even a theme park.

The privately owned businesses are finding it difficult to keep pace with competitors who are not subject to stringent licensing processes, do not have to spend money on taxes, and just generally have little to no accountability.

The state has also been giving religious organizations the tools to combat its own legislation and restrictions.

Plus, an overabundance of free legal aid exists for organizations that feel their freedom of religion is being challenged or pressured.

They are not subject to civil rights issues and cannot even be sued for discrimination.

As they expand their activities into the public arena, tax breaks are increasing, yet they are putting more and more pressure on local infrastructure: roads, police and fire departments, electric companies, etc.

They are paying fewer taxes, yet using more government resources, and in the end, the taxpayers are the ones paying out of pocket for religious freedom.

In my opinion, this under-

mines both the spirit of the First Amendment and the rule of law our country has been living under for 200 years.

I just don't believe that the government should give special breaks to any organization over another.

Where do we draw the line for religious organizations? I'm sure with some good lawyers and lots of paperwork, Halliburton could get some of these special breaks.

The rule of law is the backbone of a country's stability and the reason we have so many freedoms. Even the smallest undermining could have disastrous consequences.

I choose to exercise my First Amendment rights by not belonging to any religious organization, but tax breaks and federal funding could eliminate the spirit of free competition in some arenas.

Therefore, I do not want the only soup kitchens and homeless shelters to be religious ones that will extoll their beliefs to anyone that needs their service.

I would much prefer the government spend more money on secular charitable organizations and allow religious organizations to operate freely, without governmental support.

So long as the government is not exclusively promoting and funding one religion over another, I look on that as freedom of religion.



## Fast food causes health problems



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Cars line up to order from the drive through at Linda Vista's Carl's Jr.

### Hunter Barns

Staff Writer

I have recently learned that the one tiny, insignificant vice that I've allowed myself through the years is now leading me towards an abrupt end to my health, my sanity and my manhood.

As I write this I glance over at three of the top selling prescription medications in the world that happen to be sitting in my medicine cabinet - all as a result of my addiction to the Carl's Jr. down the road. These are Zoloft, Lipitor and Viagra.

It all began four years ago when a younger me set off on foot from Maher hall to satisfy a forbidden craving that none of the eateries on campus could satisfy.

I walked into Carl's Jr. four years ago today a strapping young lad of merely 135 pounds with the rest of his future ahead of him.

A beautiful young woman named Isabel took my order, offered to upgrade me to large at no extra cost and brought the food to my table.

Before she left my table I had already torn open the paper wrapping and was gorging my-

self in what I imagine was the most bizarre, savage worship to the Six Dollar Burger this woman had ever seen in her life. "I find your gluttony amusing," she said. It was love at first sight.

300 pounds and thousands of dollars in the hole later, my thoughts drift back to that day, and I find myself lying awake night after night, overmedicated, asking myself one question: Was it worth it?

I'm twenty-three years old and my cholesterol is 285 and rising. I have to go to Scripps Medical Center four times a week to meet with my physical therapist Isabel (no, not that delicious succubus from Carl's Jr., an entirely different and much less vampiric woman, a grungy old bat to say the least) for exercise and lab work.

I haven't found the confidence to entertain guests in months, much less utter a word of flirtatious advance to the opposite sex for fear of corpus cavernosum circulatory problems that my editor refuses to permit me to share with you.

Worst of all I have an overarching, incurable depression that drives me to hole away in my room and write this miserable

nonsense week after week.

All because of those mouth-watering guacamole-bacon cheeseburgers. What kind of a man fantasizes about these things?

Yet, there's nothing a shell of a man like me can do at this point but pine for the virulent young buck he once was.

If anything, let this be a lesson to you about the long term dangers of fast food cravings as a whole.

The warm, soft, cheese-covered seductress will suck you in and spit you out years later an aged, wretched swine like me.

Seriously folks, according to Super Size Me creator Morgan Spurlock, fast food is known to cause depression, impotence and death. It contaminates the human body much worse than even cigarettes when consumed on a daily basis.

Instead of heading to that disgusting trans-fat factory down the road, why not have a nice fruit salad?

Disclaimer (as deemed necessary by my editor): What you have just read is a fabrication, but reflects my "opinion" after gorging down a Six Dollar Burger.

### Student reflections

Students respond in many different ways to traumatic events that occur. Whether in silent pain or in outspoken criticism, it is important that all people are heard so that we may better understand the causes and effects of our actions in this world. This is one student's response to the abhorrent events that occurred in Mission Beach last week.

## The Weeping Room by Ben Lee

*This is a quiet invitation to a place I know  
Hidden from the world, tucked gently away  
In a room of solitude and breathless prayers  
Follow the empathetic path and there you will find  
The shallow steps scattered with the fallen autumn leaves  
And let your passage here awaken  
A haunting place beneath the heart*

*And flood our eyes with tears.  
Would you stay awhile and cry with me?  
Would you fall to the floor in agony?  
Will you tuck your knees into your chest,  
And wrap your arms around them?  
Or hold your brother and your sister's head,  
To hear your heartache's anthem?*

*Spend not minutes here, nor days  
But an infinite millennium in a room with no doors  
Nor windows through which to see.  
These transcendent walls await, incoherent colors swirl  
Until you sit for just a moment and commit  
To watch the clearest visions there unfurl.  
Will you follow me and sit awhile?  
The translucent liquid walls melt with tears  
They flow streaming, dissolving and forever breathing  
With the movement of the entire world:  
Every murder, every rape, every hateful thing committed  
Every instance through all of time, past and present  
With the blank screaming of the human race  
And like a prism of sound melt to silence.  
Welcome to the Weeping Room  
Please don't look away  
The walls, the floor and the ceiling all are heaving  
They flood our eyes with frightening things*

*A lamenting symphony arises  
In the silence of our Room of Tears  
The dying leaves are falling in this autumn  
Each heart gives way to the chilling breeze  
No more standing on the graves our fathers  
But crying out in the loss of one another  
Weep for those you love, things hidden now emerge  
The nightmare visions rise before us  
On these Walls of Weeping sobs*

*I will take you down, and take you back  
To the place you once belonged  
An afternoon just barely east of Eden  
I envision that empty landscape made for peace  
Envisioned in the calming dusk of dreams  
Above where we sit in grass meadows of our discontent  
Longing for the colors of a healing twilight  
The sun sets this Eve, but she will rise in them  
Maybe, just maybe,  
We might feel human once again.*

## Airport security measures lack sufficient justification

### Bridget Dixon

Guest Writer

The concept of terrorism in a tube of toothpaste seems ludicrous, more like a high school science fair project than something that could do serious damage.

However, according to the CNN reports on the latest in terrorist technology, the mix of particular sports drinks with peroxide based paste can create what the officials call an "explosive cocktail."

Personally, I feel as though terrorists are now contacting

the chemistry club on campus to get new ideas. I find it extremely tempting to try to conjure up the perfect combination of Powerade and Crest that would actually cause a small bang.

Perhaps, then, the various nighttime explosions heard outside Camino Hall could be executed more easily than crossing the boarder just to buy fireworks.

"Mythbusters" could challenge the myth of the sports drink and toothpaste bomb and this could be shown as passengers wait in the ridiculously long security line. At least in

that case I would be entertained while I am inconvenienced.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) now allows travelers to carry on liquids, aerosols and gels in three-ounce or less, separate containers if they are placed into a quart-size, zip top plastic bag.

The idea of the quart-sized resealable plastic baggie further boggles my understanding of the new regulations.

Each passenger is limited to one plastic bag. The point that I am missing is how a plastic baggie is going to prevent me from utilizing the bottles of

gels and liquids that I have brought to create the bomb.

"Yes, sir, I actually was planning on using that bottle of hand sanitizer to blow up the plane, so if I could go ahead and just carry it on with me..."

While this statement was not in fact verbalized, it was the only thought I had as I mournfully tossed a precious Purel bottle into the trash.

Ziploc bags do not actually lock and they will only save me from having shampoo explode all over my clothes and other luggage.

The TSA justifies the usage

of the bags by saying that "consolidating the bottles into one bag and X-raying separately enables security officers to examine the declared items."

As I understand it, the X-ray, aided by the plastic baggie, now has the power to see what potentially lies dormant in my Scope and Suave travel bottles: ingredients ready to become something amazingly volatile.

While I appreciate the extensive efforts made by the TSA and other governmental and airport organizations to keep me safe during flights, I find that some restrictions need more justification.



# Professor of the Month: Dr. Peter Kanelos

Rachael Cumbo

Staff Writer

*The Vista* is proud to present a new feature: The Professor of the Month. This month's professor was selected based on student nominations.

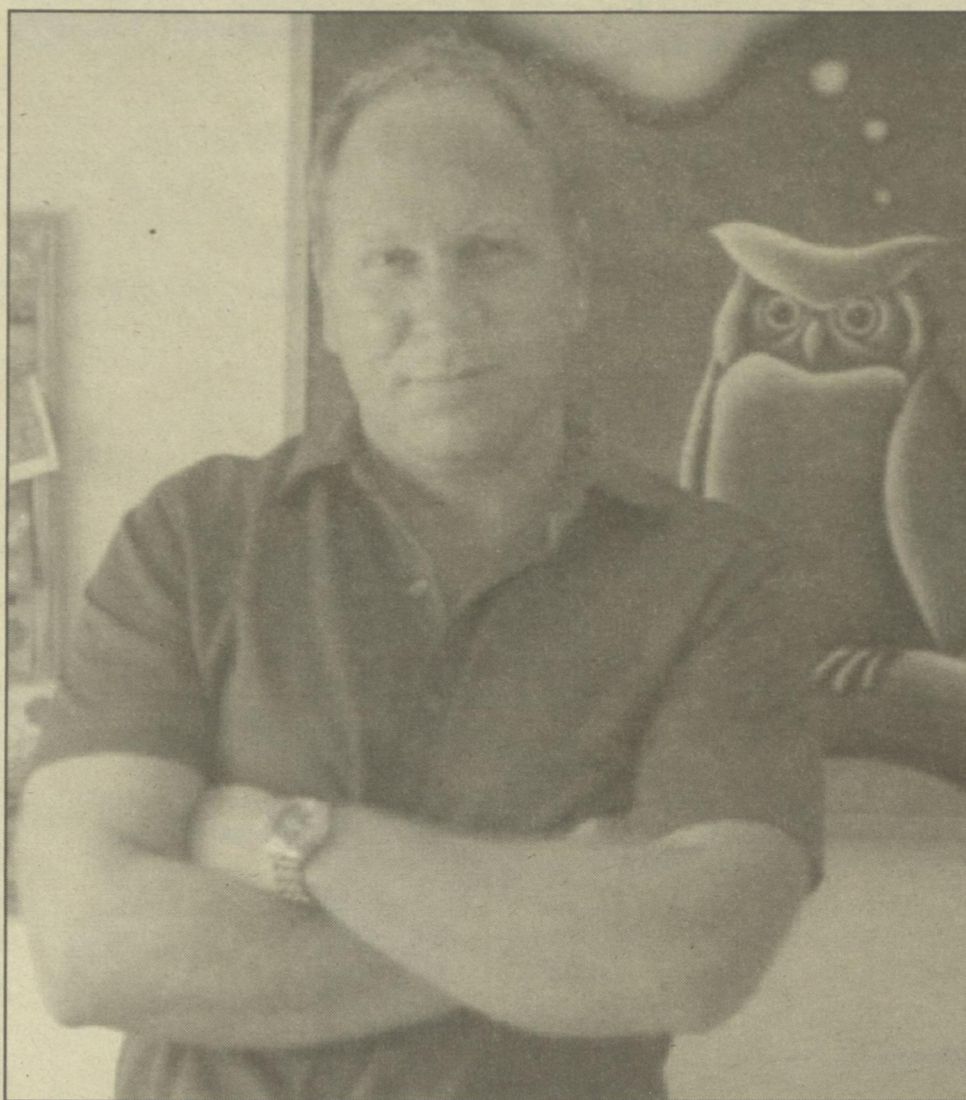
October's Professor of the Month is Dr. Peter Kanelos, Professor of English. An accomplished figure in his field, Dr. Kanelos received his PhD from the University of Chicago in 2002 and taught at Stanford as a post-doctoral fellow from 2002-2003.

He is an associate editor of the New Variorum edition of *Twelfth Night* and has published several articles on Montaigne, Vasari and Shakespeare.

Dr. Kanelos has also lectured both nationally and internationally on Shakespearean drama, his topic of expertise. He was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship in 2004 for his work at the Blackfriars Theater in Virginia and the Globe Theater in London.

Here at USD, we appreciate him for his dedication to the English department, Old Globe Master of Fine Arts in Acting program, and his endless volunteer efforts as the advisor for the Sigma Tau Delta (International English Honor Society) chapter on campus.

His vibrant background in Shakespearean drama has brought a lot of experience and diversity to the English program and its students. One student said, "I took Dr. K's Introduction to Shakespeare class and enjoyed how diverse he made the class. He didn't make it particularly hard; he didn't test us



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Dr. Kanelos is the USD student nominated Professor of the Month.

on mundane facts about Shakespeare's time, but he showed us that Shakespeare is accessible and enjoyable.

"Every class period he did something different, whether it was to have us act out a scene with creativity, draw our own depiction of Caliban from 'The

Tempest,' or see an actual production of a Shakespearean show and discuss it afterwards. Dr. K is also a wonderful guy outside of the classroom.

"When a group of English majors decided they wanted a chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English

Honor Society, on the USD campus, they went to Dr. K for support. He has since been the advisor for our chapter of STD, filing endless paperwork and attending meetings. He is a fantastic teacher and a great support for all who work with him."

Dr. Kanelos' wonderful reputation also extends to his fellow coworkers in the English department. One fellow professor spoke very highly of him, "I know Peter well. He has been a terrific addition to our department. He enjoys working with students at all levels, whether they are freshmen or graduate students. With his wide range of interests and abilities, he can make any subject exciting.

"He has been instrumental in building the English department's creative writing program as well as fostering our major's intellectual community by sponsoring the Writer's Club and Sigma Tau Delta, our Honors Society.

"He is a generous colleague; working along side him is a pleasure and an honor."

It is gratifying to know that such an experienced, dedicated and enthusiastic professor with such an exciting academic past is a part of our USD community and learning space.

It is professors like Dr. Kanelos who break new ground and truly reach out to the students on an entirely different academic plane. We are lucky to have such a significant figure as part of our team of educators here at USD. Congratulations Dr. Kanelos for making such a significant impact on the USD community.

## Chinese executions for organs warrant media coverage

Bahareh Komei

Staff Writer

China executes more prisoners than any other country in the world. Just last year, it was reported that more than 1,770 prisoners were believed to have been killed. One primary reason is the ability to sell their organs and make a profit.

If a country is wrongfully murdering its inmates, the actions of the country should be known to the world. China's population is incredibly large and is continuously growing; however, that does not make it acceptable to do away with prisoners.

Some of the prisoners may not even be sentenced for a lifetime, yet they will lose their lives in the cells.

Being able to profit from the selling of organs is an immoral and greed-oriented incentive.

Since China's evil acts have now been revealed, we are cognizant of their wrongdoings and should spread the awareness.

Controversy has recently arisen regarding the organs of the scores of people who have been executed. Mr. Qin Gang, a foreign ministry spokesman, noted that the transplantation of organs is possible but one needed to be "very cautious."

He also claimed the "donation

must also be approved by provincial health officials and the provincial high court."

Despite stating that organ selling is prohibited unless the consent of the donor is given, an undercover BBC story discovered much more alarming information.

One report said that one hospital confirmed that for 50,000 pounds, or just \$94,400, a liver can be easily purchased without consent of the donor.

The liver can very well be one that belonged to an ex-prisoner. Rupert Wingfield-Hayes, who conducted the undercover BBC report, said that foreigners were indeed buying organs due to their need of transplants.

Wingfield-Hayes went on his own expedition in search of an organ for his sick father when officials told him that a matching liver would be available in only three weeks. He went to the number one Central Hospital in Tianjin.

Officials stated that prisoners voluntarily chose to donate their organs as a "present of society." Shockingly,

one official disclosed that there was a surplus of organs since the number of executions had increased because of the Oct. 1 National Day.

In March, China's foreign ministry actually admitted that only in "a very few cases" were organs from inmates used.

Again, spokesman Qin Gang reiterated that the organs are only taken with the permission of the prisoner and never with force.

In April of 2006, British transplant surgeons spoke aloud and concluded that the death-row transplant practice is inhumane and unacceptable.

Just last year, however, Central Hospital of Tianjin completed over 600 transplant transactions. It is apparently growing into a well-known business.

"It is a complete fabrication, a lie or slander to say that China forcibly takes organs from the people given the death penalty for the purpose of transplanting them," said Qin Gang.

According to the Chinese state news agency, Xinhua, it is approximated that there are at least two million inhabit-

ants of China who need transplants annually.

Ironically, only 20,000 can be carried out due to the "lack of organs." Because of cultural biases of removing organs prior to burial, voluntary donations are drastically low compared to the level of demand.

Japan has announced that it plans on investigating at least eight cases of Japanese patients who have fallen ill or have died after receiving an organ transplant in China.

New regulations are being established in China in order to protect patients' health. China's health ministry is temporarily banning the sale and the purchase of organs.

If patients do not survive a certain number of years after a transplant, then hospitals can have their licenses revoked.

Cases must also be discussed with an ethics committee in order for the procedure to be validated.

After a large number of deaths, we have finally learned that organ transplantation in China is corrupt.

Not many people know about China's execution and forced donation of prisoners' organs.

It is imperative that this travesty become more significant in today's news so that we may do something about this corruption.

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### Corrections for last week:

Front page, the word "incident" in the headline for the Mission Beach robbery and sexual assault article was not intended to undermine the content of the article and we apologize if it offended.

Page 15, Headline for poetry reading should read: "Poet reads on campus"

Page 18, Headline for Good Odds should read: "Good Odds prepares for its fall season"



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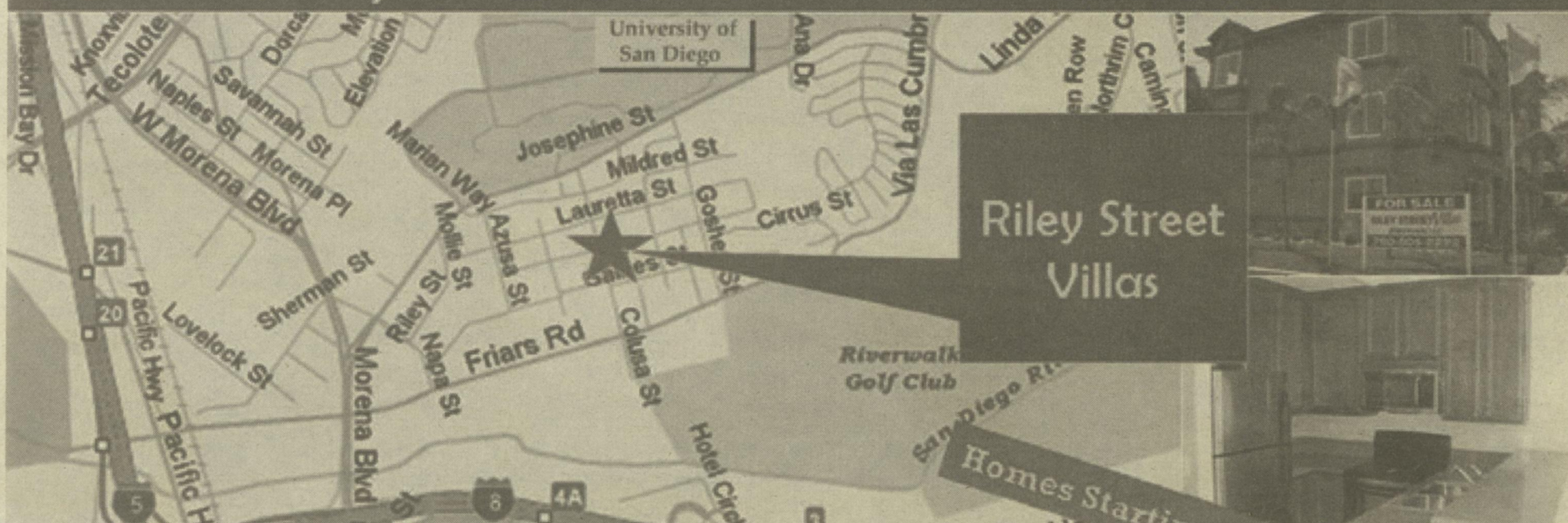
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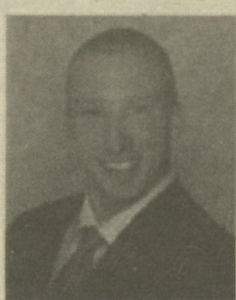
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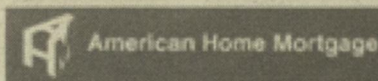
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## Día de los Muertos "The Day of the Dead"

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In the United States, Halloween is known for binging on candy, dressing up in costumes and going to parties. In Mexico, the people celebrate this time of year as Día De Los Muertos (The Day of the Dead), which has a more sacred meaning than putting on costumes.

Día De Los Muertos takes place over a three-day period: Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.

Throughout these days, families come together to celebrate the lives of their deceased family members. Festivals are put on which include dancing, making skeleton crafts and enjoying special food like bread of the dead and sugar. A skull is a common symbol of the holiday.

Other than the joy of participating in entertaining festivities, Día De Los Muertos serves to honor family members who have passed

away. It is believed that children's souls return on Nov. 1, while adults' souls return on Nov. 2.

The family members of the deceased make an altar to honor their loved one by decorating it with a cross, candles, flowers, photographs of the dead, sugar skulls, or calaveritas inscribed with the name of the deceased and a selection of their favorite food and drinks. Often, if the deceased is an adult, the drinks include tequila, coffee, or beer. It is expected that the spirits of the dead visit the home and are given these items to sustain them for the journey into the afterlife. Usually, a washbasin and towel are provided so they can freshen up before the feast. Some people also compose Calaveras, or short poems.

Then, on the night of Nov. 2, families visit the cemetery and bring along a picnic filled with foods that their loved ones used to enjoy. They have a picnic next to the areas where their family members are buried and share memories of their deceased loved ones. Also during this time, they decorate the graves with orange marigolds called Flor de Muerto, which is Spanish for flower of the dead. If the deceased loved one is a child, the grave will be decorated with toys. In some towns in Mexico, the relatives spend the entire night beside the grave of the deceased.

Día De Los Muertos is thought to have originated in the year 800 BCE. During July and August, the Aztecs would celebrate the Festival of the Dead by offering gifts to the goddess, Mictēcēhuatl, for a good harvest. They believed that when people died, they went to the kingdom of Mictlan where, after some time, they go to the sky. Later on, this tradition mixed with the pre-Hispanic tradition of burying the dead with gifts for a good afterlife created Día De Los Muertos.

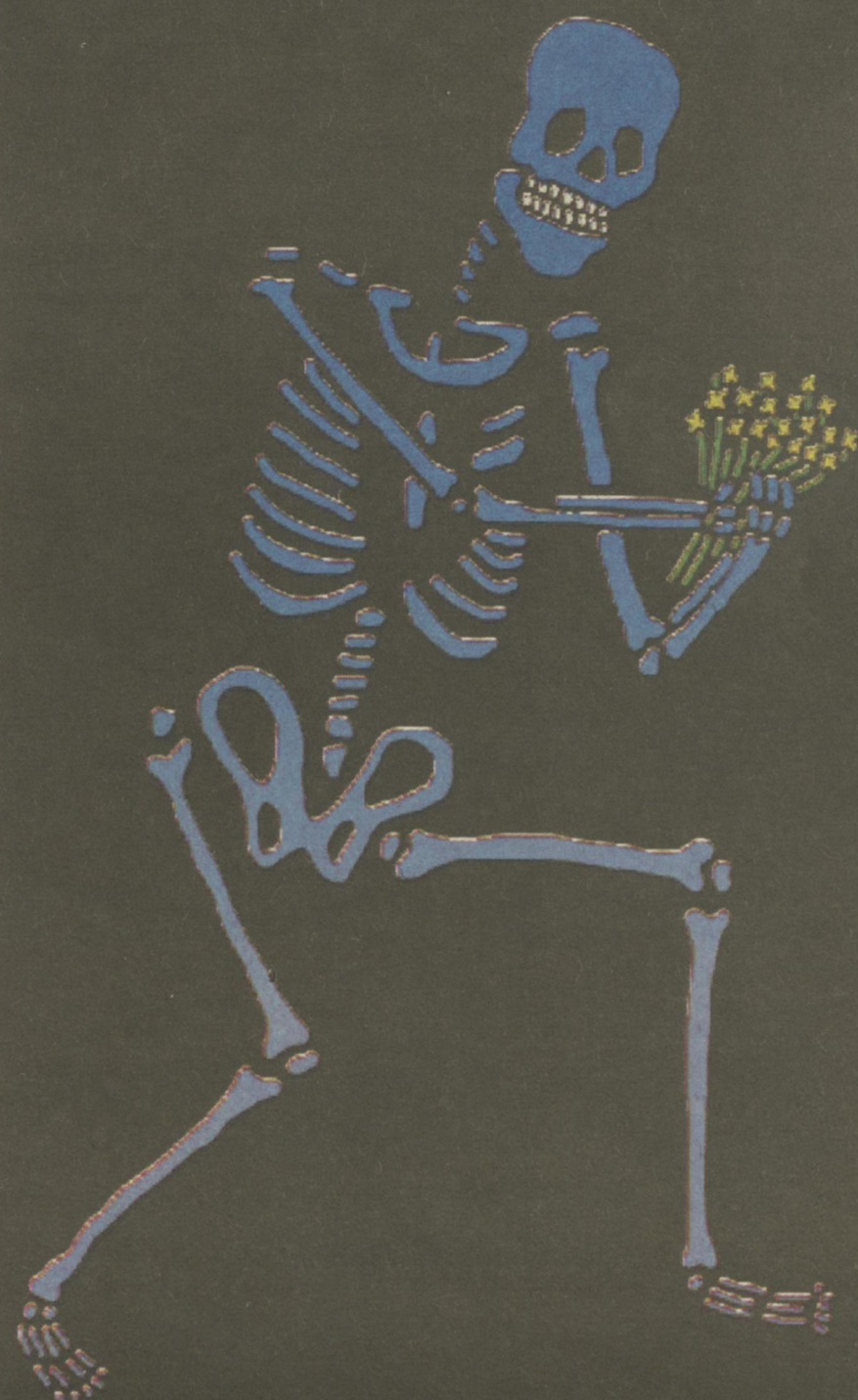
Although Día De Los Muertos is especially popular in Mexico, it is also celebrated in other places such as the Philippines, Mexican-American communities in the US, and other Latin American countries.

Celebrado por todo el mundo hispanohablante, El día de los muertos, el 2 de noviembre, es un día para recordar los que han muerto. Aunque se celebra el día por todas partes, la mejor celebración es en México. El día de los muertos es una celebración que funciona para burlarse de la muerte y es un día para recordar a los muertos con reverencia, para convivir con la muerte y sobre todo para celebrar la vida. Para celebrar este día, se cocina comida, se construyen altares y se baila en disfraces.

La raíz del día de los muertos se puede encontrar en el año 800 A.C. cuando Los Aztecas celebraban el festival de muertos. Entre Julio y Agosto, para reconocer el inicio de la cosecha, ellos ofrecían maíz, frijol, garbanzo y calabaza

a la diosa Mictēcēhuatl. Después, ese festival se mezcló con la tradición prehispánica de sepultar a los muertos con ofrecimientos de buen viaje. Como resultado, nació el día de los muertos.

Como navidad y la semana santa, el día de los muertos tiene sus propias costumbres. Una de esas es la comida. Por ejemplo, para el altar a los muertos, los mexicanos cocinan platillos a propósito de recordar a sus muertos. Algunos de los platos más cocinados son pan de muerte, una torta de café, y agua de Jamaica, una bebida hecha de una flor. Sin embargo, el plato más conocido del día son los dulces. Hay muchos tipos de dulces pero calaveritas son los más populares (están hechos de azúcar y son de la forma de la calavera). Además, se pone los nombres de los que van a morir en la frente de las calaveritas. Muchas veces las calaveritas se colocan en los altares que han construido. Sin duda, el día de los muertos es una fiesta rica en historia y tradición.



### How USD is celebrating "The Day of the Dead"

- Día De Los Muertos workshop  
Wednesday Oct. 25, 2:00 p.m.  
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### How USD is celebrating Halloween

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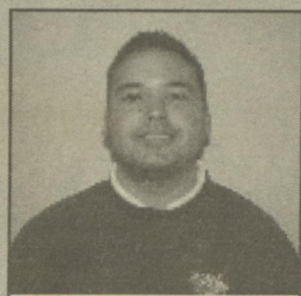


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## Finding tradition



**Patrick Brady**  
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Having observed how the other half lives during my visit to the University of Notre Dame this past weekend, I can't help but consider the concept of tradition. Of course there are several types of traditions, such as a "winning tradition," something Notre Dame personified quite fittingly as they overcame a four point deficit with less than a minute left to defeat the UCLA Bruins 20 to 17 during Saturday afternoon's football game.

But more importantly, there are ritual traditions that are continuously observed at the University of Notre Dame that would be encouraging to see enacted at our university nestled on a hill along the California coastline. Perhaps it's time we follow the path set by our Catholic university predecessors who have more experience developing such traditions.

Some of you may say Thursday nights at the Pennant in Mission Beach is all the tradition we need at USD, but I would advise that this line of reasoning is counterproductive. Unlike USD, Notre Dame is not conveniently linked to a major city, which ultimately provides outlets to lure students off campus as opposed to on it.

Students at Notre Dame have been placed in a unique position to construct their own social atmosphere, while we at USD have allowed geography to provide it for us. This revelation abruptly came to me while I sat in amazement amidst a crowd of over 10,000 people at the university's gymnasium during, of all things, a pep-rally. That's right, 10,000 people filled a large gymnasium for the mere opportunity of taking part in a pep rally.

Here at USD, we struggle to field 5,000 people to witness a sporting event, let alone a pep rally and this is a reality we should all be discouraged by.

I refuse to put the onus on the administration of USD for our lack of spirit, because I feel that this is something that we as students have to develop for ourselves. It seems every school, religious or secular, has its share of traditions, designated by the various classes that have passed

through its doors.

At UC Berkeley they have "4.0 hill" and at Notre Dame they have "touchdown Jesus" and "the grotto." Traditional names such as these need to transcend more than dining services at USD, like "The Grill" or "Paloma."

Now, we don't necessarily have to start hosting pep rallies before USD football games to have tradition, but it wouldn't kill us to attend the games. Does it mean anything to our students that the USD football team (one of many successful USD sports programs) is likely to make it into the Division I AA playoffs this year?

Our Toreros just went up to Iowa and laid a beat down on Drake who was ranked second in the TSN I-AA mid-major poll, yet Monday there will likely be minimal discussion on campus to this effect.

In order for us to live up to our desire to be a major university, it's time for our students to start thinking of ways to get more involved in campus culture.

I am confident that this will be improved through some of the university's future ventures, such as the UC building expansion and the newly enforced two-year on-campus living requirement for incoming undergraduates; but we as students should strive to do more now.

I can appreciate that events like pep rallies or, for example, in the case of USD "movies in the pool," are for all intents and purposes considered tacky and lame.

But they are also ours as university students; they belong to us and therefore should be respected and participated in. If someone told you that a family member of yours was "lame" would you stop loving them?

The point I'm trying to make is that, although these things are a bit "rah, rah, pom-pom," they're still ours.

One thing I am certain of is that if we start taking an active interest in this university and its campus, these things will cease to be lame and tacky and become tradition.

Opening presents on Christmas may feel a bit childish but we continue to do it year after year because it's tradition.

Therefore, I challenge the students of this university to consider ways in which they can contribute to the social growth of our campus community through participation and hopefully, tradition.

If we can't take pride in what we represent as a university and what we do, then how can we ever be considered on a national level by our contemporaries?

## WPM Program concludes

Natalie Zanzucchi

Editor In Chief

My faith in humanity and identity as a woman and a believer in peace have been restored. The 2006 Women PeaceMakers Program is coming to an end and the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice is preparing for a few final events to mark the end of the incredible eight weeks that have made up this year's program.

Last Wed., Oct. 18, Dr. Joyce Neu, Director (on leave) of the IPJ returned to San Diego to open the conference "Who's Making Policy? What Difference does it Make?" The third annual Women PeaceMakers Conference began with a panel moderated by Dr. Dee Aker, Interim Director of the IPJ, and featured panelists Irene Santiago, of the Philippines, senior adviser to the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process; Miria Matembe, of Uganda, former Minister of Ethics and Integrity, Government of Uganda and Alma Pérez, of Colombia, consultant, Initiative for Inclusive Security.

"This is about getting women to the peace table with men... The urgency of this task is felt by many of us," Dr. Aker said to a full theatre in the IPJ on Wed. night. The opening plenary session discussed the inclusion of women in power and politics, and in war and peace.

In an effort to explain the absence of women in institutions of power, especially peacemaking efforts after war, Santiago suggested that patriarchy often contributes to violent conflict.

"Patriarchy is about men's obsessive desire to control," Santiago poignantly said. "Power is the potency to act for what is good."

Finding a way to "act for what is good" was the focus of the conference, and I think, is the key to empowering those silenced by conflict. Knowledge-building sessions trained delegates how to use tools such as "gender auditing" to determine the balance of institutional

power. In working sessions delegates discussed such topics as how to translate, implement and make full use of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which demands women be a part of the peacemaking process.

"Without equality you cannot have peace or development," Metembe explained as she addressed the urgent need to give women an equal opportunity to participate in all levels of decision making.

150 delegates from around the world came together during the three-day conference to discuss not only how to get women to the peacemaking table, but also the necessity for women's equal participation in the four sectors of governance, security, religion and faith and economics and civil society.

"Women are not wrong when they refuse to accept the rules made by men," Anne Marie Goetz, chief adviser, Governance, Peace and Security Unit, UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), said on Thurs. morning.

The consequences for women who do not play by the rules are often severe and unwarranted. The dire necessity for reinvention of power and restructuring of institutional systems of control is clear. Bringing women and men together to make this happen is exactly what conferences such as "Who's Making Policy? What Difference does it Make?" was designed to do.

Today, Thurs., Oct. 26, at 7:00 p.m. the IPJ will host "Building cultures of peace with justice," the annual Women PeaceMakers panel in the IPJ Theatre. This event brings together all four women peacemakers in residence and is an opportunity for members of the San Diego and international communities to come together and think critically about creating peace in our shared world.

Additionally, on Mon., Nov. 6 at 7:00 p.m. a screening of the 2004 Women PeaceMakers documentary "Leading the Way to Peace," will be held in the IPJ Theatre.



Miriam Matembe, former Minister of Ethics and Integrity, Government of Uganda, explained the constitution writing process in her country.



# Recreation introduces first female referee

Claire Kelly

Guest Writer

When USD junior, Kate Rosichan, applied to be an intramural football referee she expected to face her share of discrimination.

Rosichan had participated in various team sports throughout her life, but felt that being a female football referee would come with some implicit challenges.

Although she had never refereed football before this year, Rosichan has been learning the rules of the game since childhood, as her family would ritually watch the San Francisco 49ers play football every Sunday afternoon.

Given her love of sports, Rosichan knew that working for the intramural department at USD would be a good fit for her, regardless of any challenges she might encounter in the process.

Much to her surprise, USD's first female intramural referee was immediately taken seriously, as intramural sports participants respectfully ac-

knowledgeed her calls as an official.

Rosichan has been increasingly impressed by how students, specifically intramural football players, have treated referees of both genders with equal respect and consideration.

In addition to refereeing intramural football, Rosichan

**"Kate is one of the most promising intramural referees the program has employed."**

*Dan Mulville,  
Assistant Director of  
Recreation*

has also begun refereeing intramural dodge ball, which is co-ed.

Once again, Rosichan was amazed that both men and women respected her authority.

However, she contends that this could be dubious honor as dodge ball is more of a fun sport, while football can at times be extremely competitive.

She also claims that it's too early in the season to judge whether everyone will continue to concentrate on her refereeing skills rather than her gender, but she is currently pleased with the positive feedback she has received.

It's quite possible that Rosichan's skills have aided her in avoiding controversial situations of scorn.

According to the assistant director of Recreation, Dan Mulville, Rosichan's has an innate talent for making balanced judgment calls.

"Kate is one of the most promising intramural referees the program has employed," Mulville said.

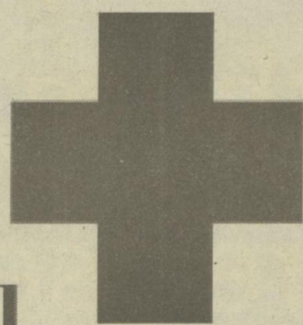
Despite garnering respect and admiration from her peers, Rosichan hasn't let it go to her head.

"It's weird and somewhat embarrassing to have an article written about me," Rosichan said. "I just want to be close to the game."



COURTESY OF DAN MULVILLE

Kate Rosichan, the Recreation Department's first female referee, stands on Manchester Field outside of the Jenny Craig Pavillion. Rosichan's appreciation for football has been cultivated since her early childhood, when she watched football with her family. Her enthusiasm carries onto the football field where she now calls the shots.



## Tips from the Health Center

USD Health Department stresses wellness this Fall Semester

Charles Mansour

Guest Writer

Deanna Villaneuva

Guest Writer

Hi Toreros, we are two of several peer counseling students who are promoting some exciting wellness campaigns this fall. And we have a "well-th" of information for you:

First off, how many of you have ever just happened upon a lonely five-dollar bill on the side of the road? Do you recall that delightful feeling? Well, how about the feeling of \$500?

You could be our lucky grand prize winner and have

the choice of airfare, a surfboard, or a gift card with the value of a whopping five-hundred dollars.

This is the monetary equivalent of 5,000 pesos, 16,425 rupees (in Mauritius, a little island off the coast of Africa), or 34,060 Icelandic kronurs.

You may be asking yourself, how in the heck can I win such a wonderful prize?

Well, we have good news. Every other year, USD participates in the National College Health Assessment (NCHA-Web) to assess student health beliefs, behaviors and help guide wellness initiatives for the future.

All you have to do is look for an e-mail on Monday, Oct. 30 in your USD e-mail account - with a link to your very own confidential USD

health survey.

Just click on the link and complete your survey on-line. When you submit your survey, you will be automatically entered in the random drawing for the grand prize, or one of several name-brand items including: an Oakley backpack & sunglasses, Starbucks coupons, an autographed Jack Johnson CD and customized Vans shoes.

Make sure you don't delete the e-mail regarding the NCHA-Web, as you will need it to participate in the survey. Complete it, don't delete it!

Also, just a reminder: Don't get "cold" feet and miss out on the Fall fun.

Get your flu shot at the weekly Tuesday clinics outside the Health Center. Remember, all students, staff and

faculty are more than "welcome" to get flu vaccines for just \$20-25, depending on the type.

A special Halloween clinic will be held outside the UC on Tues., Oct. 31. Be there or beware.

Mark your calendar and look out for the Great American Smoke-out on Nov. 16. Now's the time to make plans to stop smoking for good.

You'll have the support of the entire campus, including USD's new tobacco policy.

For tips or individual counseling, contact the Student Health Center (x4595) or check out the website to become more familiar with our plethora of resources:

[www.sandiego.edu/health-center](http://www.sandiego.edu/health-center)



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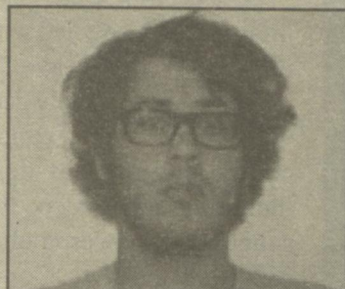
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## My personal experience as a classified ad on Craigslist



Andrew Marzoni

Arts &amp; Culture Editor

Though I'm met with much opposition regarding this topic, I find internet dating to be an extremely depressing prospect. This is not to say I have not engaged in this activity, nor is it to say I will not in the future.

There are many ways to meet new people on the internet and each of them has its own weaknesses and strengths. On one side of the spectrum there are websites such as eHarmony.com and match.com which are designed explicitly for the purpose of online dating.

These websites are followed by networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook, of which electronic courtship is only one of the websites' many functions.

This brings us to the other side of the spectrum: Craig's List. Much like newspaper classifieds, personal ads of lonely "Single White Females" and "Charming Older Gentlemen" can be found looking for "Chubby Jewish Boys" or "Cute Asian Ladies" alongside listings of jobs, apartments for rent, and pianos for sale. Craig's List is a virtual bulletin board for things people don't have but want and have but don't want.

Last week, I posted a personals ad on Craig's List on the pretense of "just being funny," as did Amy English, the Associate Editor of *The Vista* (though I think both of us secretly wanted to know where we actually stood in the cyber-dating world).

My ad, titled "Young Poet Searches for His Muse," was rather straightforward: I expressed my attraction to literature, thought and finding a woman with similar interests. The ad included an honest picture of myself – my pensive-looking face staring straight at the camera. Amy's ad, on the other hand, was titled, "British Pop Princess Searches for Decent Young Bloke."

Her ad re-emphasized the fact that she is indeed English numerous times, and concluded by saying that, "Love of dogs is a must." The picture she included was a rather sultry snapshot of her dressed as a pirate. I think it goes without saying who received more email responses.

However, I'm going to tell you anyway. Within less than twenty-four hours, Amy was barraged with approximately 200 emails – her inbox was flooded to the point that she had to promptly delete her personals ad in order to retain any remaining bit of sanity.

Men young and old sent her messages, professing their love for Harry Potter and The Beatles, Earl Grey Tea and Yorkshire terriers. Some were even kind enough to include pictures of their genitalia.

One of the emails Amy received reads, "i really like ur style...diversity is a must. thats awesome. thats exactly how i feel about a lot of things. i like to go to places where the crowd is all diverse, so i don't feel like i'm being looked at by others." Another attempted to win Amy over with his extensive knowledge of England: "hey im --- and ur a Cutie lol anyways im responding to ur ad I love England probably because of harry potter lol well im interested hit sometime im always on aol."

I, on the other hand, left my Craig's List ad up for an entire week. As of press time, I have received a mere three responses. Three. It is also important to note that the first of these responses came from my roommate who, upon hearing of my induction to the internet dating world, created a dummy email address and MySpace page attempting to convince me that he was a very attractive 22 year-old recent college graduate.

The second response came from a nice woman who was, unfortunately, too old for me and, even more unfortunately, still would have been too old for me twenty years ago.

However, the third and final response, sent a few days after I placed the ad, came from an extremely witty, intelligent, and attractive girl who seemed to share an almost eerie amount of common interests with me.

Of course, this served as a major ego boost for me. I had somehow undercut Amy's quantity with a level of quality unknown to her hundreds of wannabe suitors. I never wrote back though, as Amy's endeavors taught me that regardless of how perfect someone seems, the fact remains that Craig's List is very, very creepy.

That's the problem with internet dating – the only way to determine whether or not you find people interesting is by looking at lists of shallow personal attributes and photographs that you may be sure make them look more attractive than they actually are.

As far as dating goes, knowing whether or not a potential mate shares your love for "The Big Lebowski" – which the internet can tell you (which is a level of weirdness outside of the scope of this column) – is less important than knowing whether or not said person is a psychopath – which the internet can't tell you.

Of course, there's a good chance that most people cruising the internet are just as normal as you are. But if you doubt that there are a lot of crazies out there, just ask Amy English.

## Sigma Tau Delta presents a spoken word open-mic night



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Alexandra Smith, Vice President of Sigma Tau Delta, reads a story by Stella Duffy.

Christie Osborne

Staff Writer

Poetry readings. To most college students this signals bongos and Birkenstocks, an open mic where free-spirited or hyper-intellectual college students read their own poetry after sipping on cappuccinos and discussing Kant. This image connotes an esoteric environment where most would be fearful to read their own work; afraid that their poem didn't "sound smart enough." This is not the case. Cut to our own quaint little coffeehouse, Aromas.

Last Wednesday night English honor society Sigma Tau Delta hosted its second Spoken Word open mic night at Aromas. The event was open to all, and students were welcome to step up to the microphone to read their own poetry or prose, narrate works by other authors or perform songs at their leisure. The night opened with readings by a variety of students familiar to STD and the English department, but slowly, as the night unfolded, new faces stepped up to the mic to unleash their work upon the world.

Senior STD president Derek Blackmore addressed the value of programs like Spoken Word. He noted, "It's important to have an event where students and others can express themselves. Until recently, this campus has lacked a venue where students can perform their own works comfortably in front of an audience. This is only our second Spoken Word, and while we hope to expand in the future, we are starting small in the interest of keeping things comfortable and friendly."

Over the course of the three hours, the small crowd was delighted by performances from all ages of students. Junior Jen Lagedrost read her poem "Meet Me

in the Middle" and performed an Irish folk song. STD president Derek Blackmore regaled the bunch with a poem composed line by line by members of the audience. Senior Rachael Mann read her own short essay and performed a speech from "V for Vendetta." Other readers included junior Sarah Torki, senior Lisa Gharib, and freshman Natalie Earnhart.

The highlight of the night, however, was the original poems read by senior Molly Tustison. Perhaps the most prolific poet on this campus, Tustison approached the mic for her second reading with a half-inch thick stack of poems which were composed "during the spring and over the summer." The outside conversations of other patrons and the roar of the cappuccino machine quieted when Tustison started to read, as if the power of her poetry pulled their mouths shut. Unassuming and ostensibly shy, Tustison is the closest thing this university has to a poet laureate. Poems like "Shot" and "A Place for Poplars" weave powerful images into a sophisticated and mature poetic voice. More simply put, they belong in their own anthology.

Most USD students might not be aware of the writing subculture that exists on this campus. Over the last few years, students have made a decisive push to develop outlets for students who revel in creative writing. The success of the Lindsay Cropper Writers Series, workshops and the increasing number of creative writing classes have been instrumental in forging this society of emerging authors.

For those closet writers out there, keep your eyes peeled for another Spoken Word, but if you can't wait to share your work, come to the Cropper Writing Center in Founders on Thurs. nights at 7:00 p.m. for Writers Club.



# Coppola's "Marie Antoinette" fails to impress

Adie Ludwig

Staff Writer

After gaining worldwide praise for her second film, "Lost in Translation," Oscar-winning Sophia Coppola decided to direct her latest film, "Marie Antoinette," with a huge budget.

Re-teaming with Kirsten Dunst (who starred in Coppola's debut feature film, "The Virgin Suicides"), Coppola wanted her portrayal of Marie Antoinette to have a more modern, relatable flair to it, unlike many dull period pieces.

She wanted the audience to realize that Antoinette was a person too young to run a country. Coppola was less interested in the political and historical views of Antoinette and wanted to focus more on her personal experience by using an expressionist approach. Capturing the essence of Antoinette's spirit, filled with teenage angst, was very critical to Coppola.

The movie was filmed on location at the actual Palace of Versailles. Coppola was the first film maker to gain total admittance to the historical monument. She told Columbia Pictures, in a recent press re-



www.rottentomatoes.com

Jason Schwartzman and Kirsten Dunst in Sofia Coppola's new period piece, "Marie Antoinette."

lease, "I was given more access to Versailles than I was to the Park Hyatt in Tokyo for 'Lost in Translation.'"

The film begins when Marie Antoinette (Dunst) is leaving Austria to go to France for an arranged marriage to Dauphin Louis (Jason Schwartzman). Their union is supposed to help ally the two countries.

When the Dauphin's father

dies, the two teenagers are forced to reign France. They are quoted as saying, "Protect us Lord for we are too young to reign." Adding to their troubles, they are pressured to consummate their marriage and produce a male heir to the throne.

But Louis XVI was incapable of expressing himself physically and emotionally. Schwartzman has very few lines in the film

to keep an authentic portrayal of his character. In his diary, obtained by historians, he wrote about the day he met Marie Antoinette only saying, "Today I met the Dauphine." It takes seven years before they finally consummate their marriage.

Stuck in a loveless marriage, Marie Antoinette was left feeling alone in a place of constant scrutiny and gossip.

So, she turns to activities that any modern young woman may: shopping and partying. However, she completely forgets about her people and her civic duties. She becomes known as "The Queen of Debt" and was infamously misquoted with saying, "Let them eat cake."

The set is incredibly decadent with a wide array of candy-like colors and glorious desserts, including cake. Also, the 80s soundtrack is awesomely compiled and adds to Coppola's vision. At certain points, you feel as if you are watching a television special on lifestyles of the rich and the famous of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The main premise of the film is very similar to "Lost in Translation" since both leading women feel alone in a foreign place despite the many people surrounding them. Upon its debut at the Cannes Film Festival, Marie Antoinette equally received boos and applause from the audience.

The reviews in America have been the same. You'll be left wanting more or wishing you spent your money downtown at Extraordinary Desserts instead.

## Ladytron comes to town with a truckload of analog synthesizers and an ultra-modern aesthetic in tow

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Arts & Culture Editor

When I first heard the news that Ladytron was playing at the Belly Up Tavern, I couldn't help but scratch my head. Of course, the venue is home to a very diverse roster — reggae bands, country singers, Top 40 acts and indie rockers can all be found on the Belly Up stage.

Still, Ladytron, an ultra-modern electro group from Liverpool, England seems rather out of place at a bar and grill in Solana Beach.

Overall, however, they used

this anachronism to their advantage in putting on a show that came off more like an art show than a concert.

As I walked into the club, exhausted and sick, not really wanting to be there, I immediately noticed two things: one, there were way too many people there, and two, they were possibly the weirdest conglomeration of people I'd ever seen.

Scenesters in their early twenties with angular haircuts and black and white stripes, lonely, pudgy middle aged rock critics, hyper-masculine club-

bers and old bearded surfers were only a few of the subcategories making up the crowd.

There were two acts on the bill that evening: Cansei de Ser Sexy (or CSS, for short) were the openers, followed by Ladytron.

CSS is a Brazilian act whose name means in Portuguese, "I got tired of being sexy." The band is made up of five female multi-instrumentalists and one male drummer/guitarist. As soon as they commenced their first song, the self-referential



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Mira Aroyo of Ladytron, on tour in 2005.

www.ladytron.com

## Editor's Picks 10/26 - 11/1

### Thursday, October 26

Spooky Vue 4  
The Visual Underground @  
The Whistle Stop  
2236 Fern St.  
San Diego, California 92102

### Sunday, October 29

Van She @  
The Beauty Bar  
4746 El Cajon Blvd.  
San Diego, California 92115

### Friday, October 27

"American Hardcore"  
opens @  
Landmark Hillcrest  
3965 5th Ave.  
San Diego, California 92103

### Tuesday, October 31

Thursday @  
Soma  
3350 Sports Arena Blvd.  
San Diego, California 92110

"Estamos Buscando A"  
opens @  
IPJ Fine Art Galleries

### Friday, October 27 (Continued)

Cursive @  
House of Blues  
1055 5th Ave.  
San Diego, California 92101

### Wednesday, November 1

Stolen Babies @  
San Diego Sports Club  
1271 University Ave.  
San Diego, California 92103



www.myspace.com/cursive

Cursive plays at the House of Blues this Friday night.



# Bob Dylan and Kings of Leon play the Long Beach Arena

*The diverse ages of the crowd and the performers shows that rocking is multi-generational*

**Sam Woolley**

Staff Writer

American legend Bob Dylan and Dixie rockers Kings of Leon teamed up for their 2006 tour on Oct. 11 in Vancouver. I saw them Saturday night at Long Beach Arena and they also played on Sunday night right here in San Diego at Cox.

The crowd was made up of a strange group of people. Obviously the Kings were going to draw a different group than Dylan; their fans were the ones creating a disturbance by being too exuberant. Dylan's fan-base was drawn from people of all ages, from small children to people "knockin' on heaven's door."

There were plenty of people who looked the part of the token parent, crosses dangling from their necks, who were engaging in many of the sinful activities for which I'm sure they regularly scold their children.

The general ambiance of the place could not have been more fitting for a Dylan concert.

The crowd of thrill-seekers smashed themselves as close to the stage as possible (myself included), and quickly created a delicious umbrella of blue smoke. I was flanked by squawking

teenage girls to my left, tie-dyed hippies in front and a strange, hobbit looking guy with a magical pipe to my right.

On the outskirts of the crowd was the normal group of interpretive dancers and people sitting on blankets. Families seemed restricted to the seating areas, and rightfully so.

If you know the Kings of Leon and Bob Dylan, it follows that you know the two are a curious (though awesome) pairing.

If you haven't heard of the Kings

**"He's the last of the great solo artists. It's an unthinkable privilege to get to see such a legend."**

*Unidentified concert-goer*

then you should know they are a true rock band of three brothers and a cousin (all with the last name Followill) who hail from Tennessee.

Three of the four Followills were teenagers when they put out their first EP "Holy Roller Novocaine" to a four-star review from Rolling Stone magazine.

The Kings toned down their normal show, playing more of their slower

songs like "Day Old Blues."

"Four Kicks" was the most lively of the set list, during which guitarist Matthew was smoking like a train and maniacally rocking out his solos, which made him look like a long lost son of Keith Richards.

New songs from their upcoming album "Because of the Times" were played as well, and if they are any indication, the new album will be just as solid and original as the others.

By the time Dylan arrived the place

one in around three decades (making him the oldest living chart topper in history).

There are also rumors floating around that this might be the last leg of his "never-ending tour," and people are saying he wants to go out on a good note.

That aside, his performance was spectacular. During "Workingman's Blues #2" he even started dancing, sweat dripping from his nose. He played new renditions of old classics "All Along the Watchtower" and "Like a Rolling Stone."

Plenty of songs from the new album were played to much success as well, where Dylan showed that he's still no slouch on harmonica.

Hearing him playfully talk to the crowd and introduce his band was the highlight of the night; he's still got plenty of life in him.

As Dylan took his bow after his set it was hard not to think about the things he has seen in his life.

From the 60s to today he has been everywhere and made friends with everyone from Jimmy Hendrix to Hunter S. Thompson. The guy next to me summed it up best by saying, "He's the last of the great solo artists ... it's an unthinkable privilege to get to see such a legend." Amen to that.

## Ladytron plays at the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach

Ladytron, continued

"CSS Suxxx," I realized that CSS (who is apparently hugely popular in their native country) is not much more than a novelty band.

They play kitschy, dance-punk with lots of synthesizers, harmonicas and semi-ironic dance choreography, fronted by the sexually-themed lyrics of the lead singer, who goes by the alias Lovefoxxx.

I wouldn't go so far as to say that they bored me — it's hard to claim ennui while watching five beautiful Brazilian women dance and play music on stage — but I was close.

When Ladytron finally appeared on stage, the one square foot of personal space I had somehow acquired during CSS's set was quickly reduced to a fraction of that.

The band, whose core is made up of singer/keyboardists Helen Marnie and Mira Aroyo, as well as guitarist/keyboardists Daniel Hunt and Reuben Wu (it's interesting to note that the band likes keyboards — there was no less than eight of them on stage for the duration of their set), was joined by a drummer and a bass player.

They came on stage in front of a video screen, on which various photographic and effects-driven video images were projected.

After about five minutes of standing

in the dark, they began to play.

They were, of course, all dressed entirely in black.

This was extremely appropriate — what color of attire better suits an aesthetically conscious avant-garde musical group from England whose dark, brooding synths (which bring to mind The Human League and Depeche Mode) are met with robotic female vocals often sung in Bulgarian (Aroyo's native country).

The way the red stage lights followed Marnie and Aroyo as they passively tap the toes of their knee-high boots made clear that Ladytron is concerned with the visuals of their concerts just as much as the music.

Which is not to say that they didn't perform well sonically. "Seventeen," from 2002's "Light and Magic" was a definite crowd favorite, while "High Rise" from 2005's "Witching Hour" showed just how epic a band can sound with only synthesizers and very sparse guitar work as arsenal.

The Eastern Europeans (arguably the most vocal of the crowd's sub-groups) raised Bulgarian flags and screamed, the rock and roll kids raised their hands in the air, the club girls danced, and the rock critics felt a little less lonely.

By the time Ladytron left the stage, Belly Up Tavern somehow felt a little less like Solana Beach in 2006 and more like Manchester, England in 1980.

**What are you listening to?**

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### Christie Osborne's Top 10 Electro-Rock Bands

Her Space Holiday  
The Faint  
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### Andrew Marzoni's Top 10 Electro-Rock Bands

New Order  
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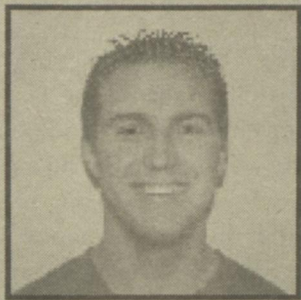


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## It's freezing



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I already made the claim three weeks ago that I am not a big fan of baseball. Watching the first couple of games of this year's World Series between the Cardinals and the Tigers, I discovered another reason why I am not a fan of America's pastime.

For a sport whose players are called the "boys of summer," Major League Baseball's championship is played in weather under 50 degrees that usually includes rain and bone-chilling wind. In fact, the forecast for tonight's game six in St. Louis is a low of 42 degrees with possible thunderstorms.

It does not make any sense for baseball's championship series to be played in a cold climate. That is why baseball is played in the spring and summer months: it is not a cold weather game.

The cold is why Tigers' pitcher Kenny Rogers felt the need to put a foreign substance on his palm to help guide his pitches during this year's playoffs. It is too cold in October and November for a pitcher to grip the baseball in order to throw a pitch that has any movement on it.

The World Series should only be held in a warm climate. It only makes sense. The NFL has the same problem, only opposite: they play a majority of important games in the cold and play the Super Bowl in a temperate location such as San Diego.

Whether moving the World Series to a warmer neutral site or shortening the season, MLB's decisive series should be played in warm weather.

Seeing the crowd in coats and knit caps in the stands, I don't think that they would mind this change. But they are too busy shivering to say so.

# Torero of the Week: Michael Caso

## Senior captain looks to provide guidance to younger players

Peter Byrne

Staff Writer

With a conference record of 2-4-1 and a tough Pacific Northwest road trip looming, the USD men's soccer team was in trouble. But after taking two from Gonzaga and Portland last weekend, the Toreros are right back in the conference title race.

Winless in their last five games going into Spokane, the Toreros desperately needed someone to step up. Michael Caso, a redshirt senior, put the Toreros on his back as he scored both of USD's goals in a 2-1 victory over the Bulldogs. Caso also recorded two assists in the Toreros' 3-2 win over the Portland Pilots. The victories improved the Toreros to 9-5-1 overall and 4-4-1 in WCC play.

"As a senior forward I knew I had to step up," Caso said. "I had to start scoring some goals to get us back on the right track. Those two against Gonzaga were definitely two of the biggest goals I've scored in my career."

That's saying a lot because Caso has scored plenty of big goals since beginning his soccer career over a decade ago. At William S. Hart High School in Newhall, Calif., he scored 40 times during his junior and senior years.

That led to heavy recruitment from many WCC schools including San Francisco, Loyola Marymount, and Portland. Caso chose to come to San Diego because he liked the Torero players and coaching staff, as well as the area's beautiful beaches. Caso redshirted as a freshman, an experience that he believes helped him greatly.

"College soccer is a whole different game than club soccer," he says. "Taking that extra year to gain some experience and being able to learn from the older guys on the team about how to go about your business really helped."

Now a senior captain, Caso looks to return the favor to the younger Toreros.

"I remember how helpful the guys were when I came in so I do enjoy trying to help the younger players with anything that I can on and off the field," he said. "USD has a lot of tradition; so it's up to us seniors to show the new players how to get ready for games and how to be successful."

Hopefully the younger players have picked up some of the wisdom that has made Caso such a key player for the Toreros since he arrived at USD in 2002. Caso was named USD's offensive player of the year in his sophomore season after recording five goals.

In his junior season he was named first team all-WCC after leading the Toreros with six goals. Last year he fired 26 shots on goal and scored three times. This year, Caso already has seven goals and six assists.

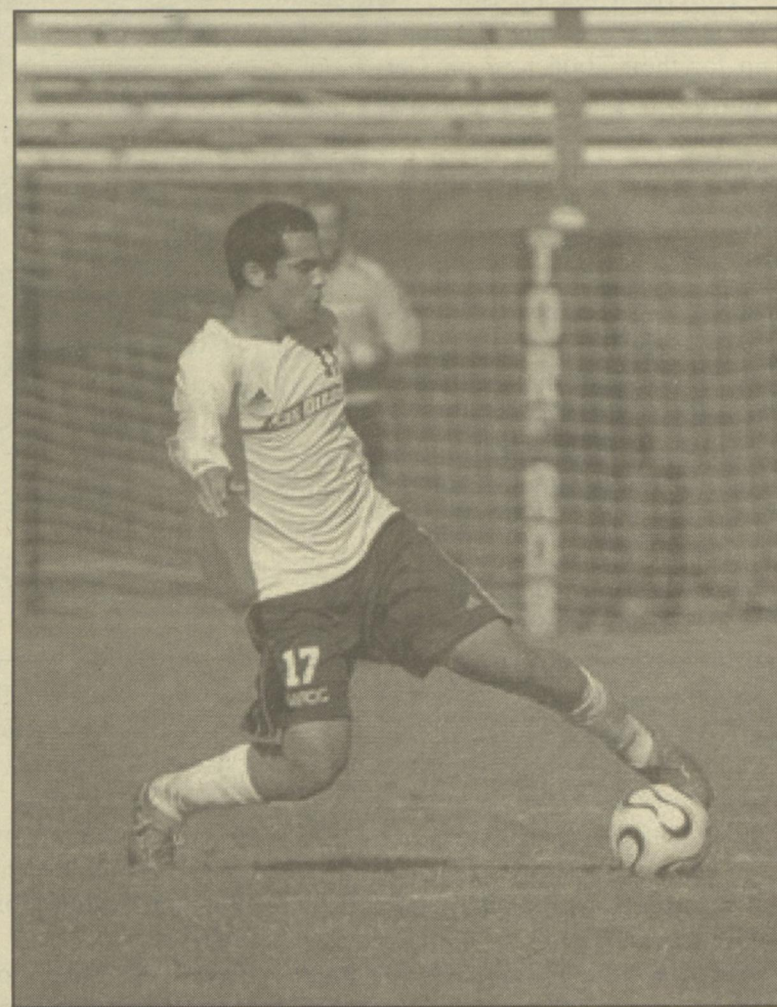
All of those achievements are impressive, but Caso knows the most important thing is getting the Toreros into the 2006 postseason.

"If we win out," he said, "we can put ourselves in a good position to win the conference, which is our number one goal right now."

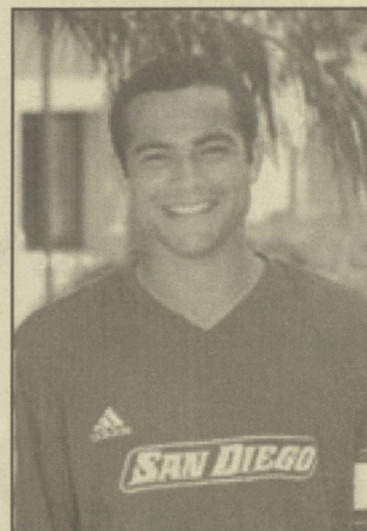
The Toreros took the first step toward that objective by completing season sweeps of Gonzaga and Portland. Caso knows that any lesser result would have made it nearly impossible for the Toreros to win the WCC. "Every game is a must win from here on, so our season is on the line every game," he said.

Until the last whistle blows this season, Caso will dedicate himself to helping the Toreros make the postseason. One of his greatest contributions to the team is the ability to put shots on net. He is consistently among the Toreros' leaders in shots and shots on goal, which not only results in goals but also rebound opportunities for teammates.

After the year is over and Caso graduates, he hopes to continue his soccer career either in the US or Europe. That might sound like a lofty ambition, but Michael Caso knows a little something about achieving goals.



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In his fifth year on the Toreros' men's soccer team, Michael Caso has become a leader both on and off of the field. The senior led the USD attack in wins at Gonzaga and Portland last weekend.

## Last Weekend

Oct. 20 at Gonzaga  
W 2-1

2 goals, 4 shots

Oct. 22 at Portland  
W 3-2

2 assists, 6 shots

## This Season

7 goals (leads team)

47 shots (leads team)

6 assists (leads team)

2 game-winning goals (leads team)

## Editor's Pick: Football

### College Football

#19 Oklahoma (5-2) at #23 Missouri (7-1) Sat., 9 a.m.

Quarterback Chase Daniel and Missouri have lit up the scoreboard all season long. This game is the first of Missouri's toughest two of the season.

Oklahoma has survived without Rhett Bomar since the beginning of the season and lost Adrian Peterson to injury two weeks ago. Last week, the Sooners toppled Colorado 24-3. But that game was in Norman against a Buffaloes' team that is far from competitive.

Pick: Mizzou 31, OU 20

### NFL

Indianapolis (6-0) at Denver (5-1) Sun., 1:15 p.m.

The Colts' mighty offense appeared to get back on track in the second half of their convincing win over Washington last week. Peyton Manning has weapons at every position.

The Broncos' stifling defense allowed only their second touchdown of the season in last Sunday's win at Cleveland. The Colts offense is nearly unstoppable, but Invesco Field at Mile High will play slower than the RCA Dome.

Pick: Broncos 23, Colts 17



# Torero women's soccer falls twice in overtime

Colin Dowd

Guest Writer

Trophies have been won by them. FIFA has even outlawed them. But at Torero Stadium this week, it was two Golden Goals that saw the Gonzaga Lady Bulldogs and Portland Pilots beat the University of San Diego Toreros.

On Thursday night, Gonzaga forward Nanda McCormick had a rebound fall at her feet in front of net in the 93rd minute. But it was a game coach Ada Greenwood's Toreros should have won.

Right from the opening whistle, the Toreros and Bulldogs were out to establish rights to the middle of the pitch with a very physical first five minutes. USD had the first opportunity of the match when a shot by junior midfielder Leigh Ann Robinson produced a corner in the fourth minute of the game.

On the ensuing corner kick, USD senior forward Veronica Ambort out-jumped her defender but was unlucky and did not connect on the header. Ambort, who led all players with 5 shots, was again in the right position for a free-kick two minutes later, but junior defender Vanessa Vella's service was a little too tall.

For the first 20 minutes of the match, the Toreros' midfield controlled the tempo, especially on the left side through Robinson and sophomore forward Allison Wolters. Fifteen minutes in, the Toreros had another good opportunity as freshman forward Hallie Huston was on the end of a Robinson cross, but she was unable to direct her volley at goal.

It wasn't until Gonzaga coach Shannon Stiles made a few adjustments to her backline that the Bulldogs began to relieve pressure. Gonzaga's first chance of the match came in the 20th minute when a throw-in found its

way into the USD penalty area before being cleared by Ambort. Minutes later, Gonzaga managed their first shot, a speculative effort from 25-yards out that was easy feed for Torero goalkeeper Karen Cook.

USD then responded with a two-on-one break led by Hutson, whose pass to Ambort produced a shot to test the Gonzaga keeper. Shortly after, Stiles made a tactical decision to change up Gonzaga's defense. The move appeared to pay off, as the Toreros' best 30 minutes were behind them.

With 11 minutes to play in the first half, Greenwood brought on junior midfielder Jackie Garcia, who made an immediate impact with a long-range effort that sailed a bit over the bar.

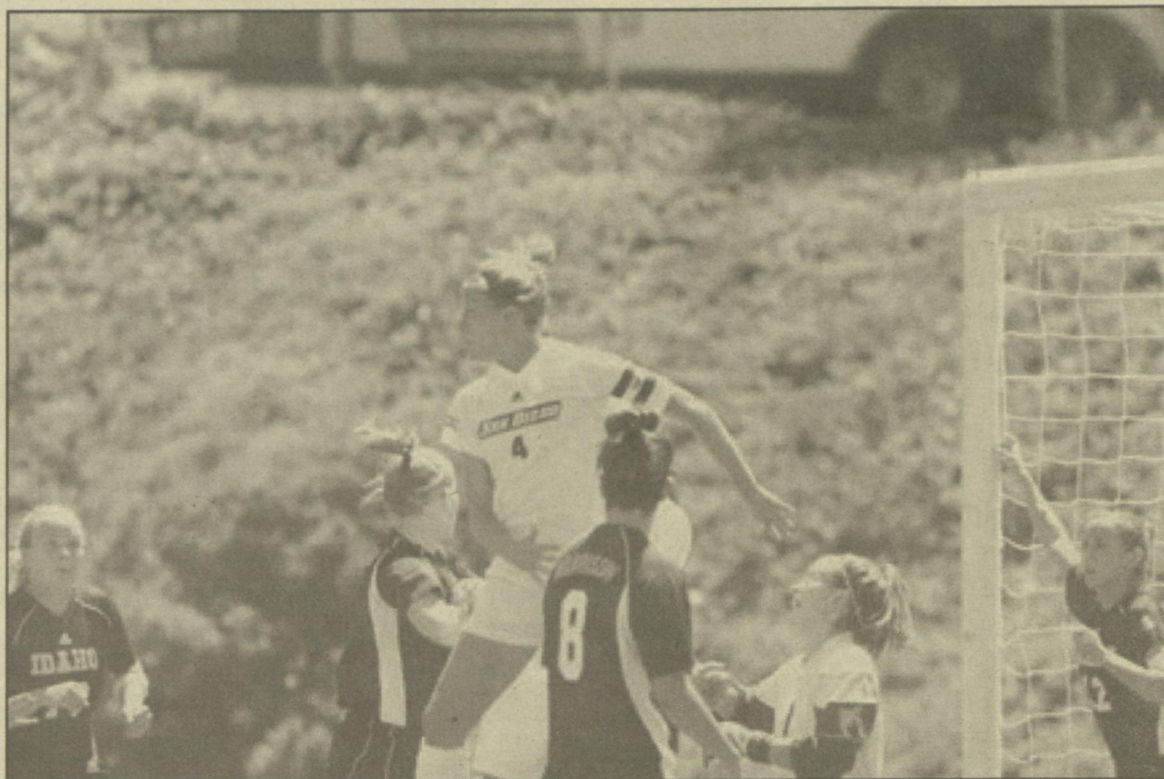
As the first half came to a close, the Toreros and Bulldogs were practically even on the score sheet, each with four shots and two saves, USD having committed five fouls and Gonzaga six.

Whatever the coaches said at halftime appeared to ignite the women after the break, as both Gonzaga and USD had a flurry of crosses and shots in the first three minutes. The best chance by either team came five minutes in as a Bulldogs volley from eight yards out forced a great diving save by Cook to keep the score level.

USD's best chance came 15 minutes into the second half as a header by Ambort beat the goalkeeper but was cleared off the line by a Zags defender, only to have it drop for a second chance before being cleared out of danger.

With both sides feeling the pressure of this must-win game, play began to open up. USD goalkeeper Karen Cook was kept busy, while the Torero forwards created multiple chances up front.

Ambort and Hutson combined for another great chance with 16 minutes remaining, but

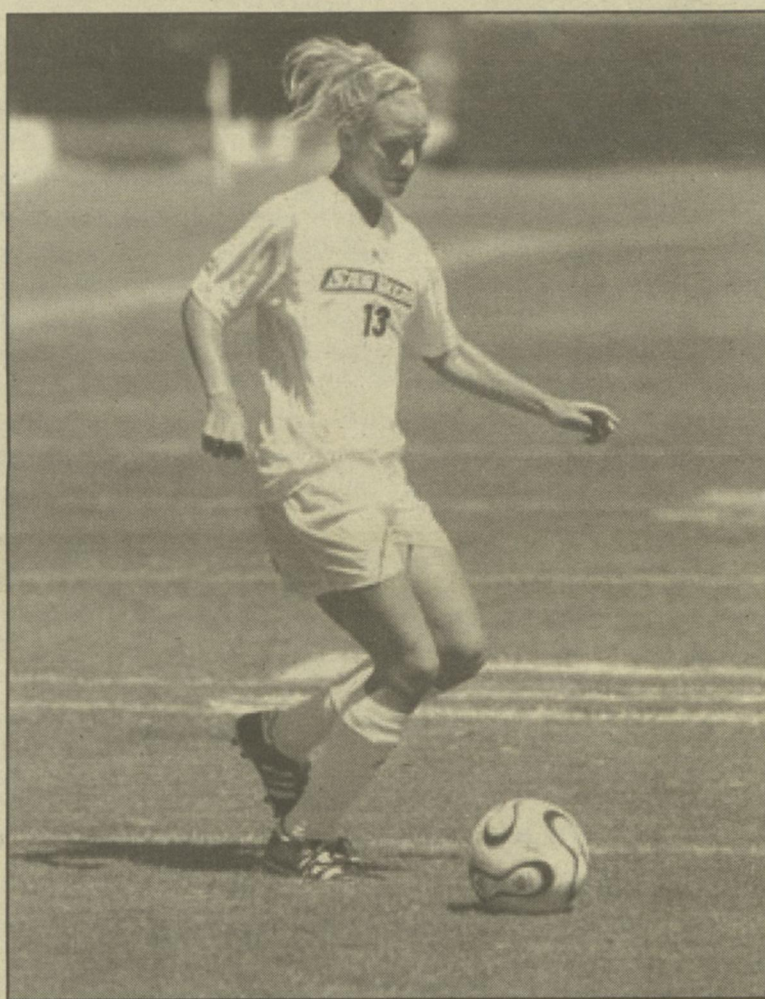


the shot was just wide of the near post. The Toreros continued their intensity around the Zags' goalmouth in the final 10 minutes but couldn't seem to find a way to the back of the net.

In the overtime period, the Toreros had the first chance as Ambort's header off a free-kick was just too tall. With seven minutes remaining in overtime, a half-chance volley from 25 yards out bounced past Cook and off the post to a lone Gonzaga striker who couldn't miss from five yards, giving the Bulldogs the 1-0 victory.

On Sunday, the Toreros faced defending national champions Portland, only to fall 2-1 in overtime on a questionable goal in the 96th minute of play. Robinson opened the scoring for USD with her seventh goal of the year right before the halftime whistle, but Portland's Kendra Chandhoke equalized for the Pilots with 20 minutes to play. A goal by Michelle Enyeart was the winner for the fifth-ranked Pilots, despite claims of offside by Torero players and staff.

USD is now 9-8-0 overall (1-4-0 WCC). They face Saint Mary's at home this Sunday.



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**Top:** Senior forward Veronica Ambort had a team-high five shots against fifth-ranked Portland on Sunday in the Toreros' 2-1 loss to the Pilots.

**Above:** Freshman midfielder Hallie Huston had two shots against both Portland and Gonzaga. Huston has emerged as an offensive star for the Toreros this season.

## TOREROS WEEK IN REVIEW

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Sports Editor

### USD football downs Drake for PFL Championship

On Saturday, the no. 21 Toreros beat Drake 37-0 in Des Moines to capture the PFL Championship. The win was USD's 15th in a row dating back to last season.

The Toreros racked up 513 yards of total offense in the victory. Josh Johnson had another

stellar performance, completing 19 of 27 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for two scores.

Sophomore running back J.T. Rogan led the ground game. He ran for 176 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries.

USD's defense held Drake to only 200 yards of offense in handing them their first home shutout since 1991. The Toreros held Bulldogs' star running back Scott Phaydavong, who came in as the second-leading rusher in

I-AA, to only 51 yards on 16 attempts. Senior linebacker Kyson Hawkins had seven solo tackles to lead the defense.

Senior defensive back Josh Brisco forced a fumble and broke up two passes to add to a five-tackle performance. Brisco was named PFL Defensive Player of the Week for his performance.

With the win, USD (7-0, 4-0 PFL) captured the PFL Championship. The Toreros are now ranked 20th in The Sports Network I-AA top-25 poll.

USD also is ranked 94th in all of Division I in this week's Sagarin rankings, and 11th in I-AA.

The Toreros return home to host Morehead State on Saturday at 4:05 p.m.

### Torero men's soccer knocks off Gonzaga, Portland

USD kicked off a pair of WCC road matches last week with a 2-1 win at Gonzaga on Friday. Senior forward Michael Caso scored his sixth and seventh goals of the season to lead the Toreros to victory.

Two days later, the Toreros completed the Pacific Northwest sweep by beating Portland 3-2. After trailing 1-0 at the half, USD came out scoring with three goals and 18 minutes.

In the 53rd minute, freshman forward J.T. Howlan tied the game at one. In the 70th minute, senior forward Ryan Guy scored his seventh goal of the year to put USD ahead.

Less than a minute later,

freshman midfielder Mike Barbeito scored to give USD a two-goal cushion. The Toreros held on for a 3-2 win.

USD (9-5-1, 4-4-1 WCC) has won two straight games. They host Santa Clara and Saint Mary's this weekend, beginning with the 11th-ranked Broncos on Friday at 7 p.m.

### USD women's swim loses season-opening meet

In their first match of the season, the Toreros lost 174-84 to UCLA at the USD Swim Complex. Junior Joy Miller scored a team-high nine individual points in four events. The Toreros next swim on Fri., Nov. 3 in the Big West Invitational at UC Irvine.



# USD volleyball sweeps No. 15 Santa Clara

Toreros finish first round of conference play undefeated, alone in first place

Anthony Gentile

Sports Editor

Ahead of Santa Clara in the West Coast Conference standings but ranked five spots behind them in the national polls, the USD volleyball team felt they had something to prove against the Broncos headed into their match.

Junior middle hitter Laurel Abrahamson said the disrespect served as motivation. "It just makes us more determined to win," Abrahamson said, "and play harder to compete with them."

The Toreros appeared very determined at the Jenny Craig Pavilion on Saturday afternoon as they swept Santa Clara in three games.

With the sweep, the Toreros finished the first half of their WCC schedule undefeated. USD now has a commanding three-game lead in the WCC.

"We've taken firm control of our conference and we know our destiny is now in our hands for the rest of the year," Toreros' head coach Brent Hilliard said. "We're pretty excited

about that."

Senior outside hitter Kristen Carlson led the Toreros with 16 kills, 13 digs and three service aces. Carlson's performance was her 13th double-double of a great 2006 campaign.

"[Carlson] doesn't have any off nights when she's healthy," Hilliard said. "The only thing that keeps her back is just the injuries."

Carlson's injuries over the past two seasons have included a torn ACL and bulging discs in her back, both of which sidelined her for long periods.

Hilliard is happy to see Carlson completely healthy for the first time since she transferred to USD from Washington State in 2003.

"Now she is playing the way she wanted to when she came to school here," Hilliard said. "It's great to see."

Senior middle hitter Christie Dawson and Abrahamson also posted double-digit kills to bolster USD's attack. Dawson had 12 kills and Abrahamson had 10.

Sophomore setter Jessica Nyrop had 40 assists in directing a Torero attack that finished the match with a .303 hitting

percentage.

Atop the WCC at 7-0, USD knows that their conference season is only halfway over. Abrahamson said that the Toreros still have much work to do, but that they plan to go undefeated in the second half of conference.

"We'll just scout more and know what [the other teams are] doing, play our side of the net better and make less unforced errors," Abrahamson said. "We know how to do it."

USD moved up two spots to No. 18 in this week's CSTV/AVCA top-25 poll; Santa Clara dropped to 21st.

The Toreros are currently 17-4 overall and host a pair of Northern California foes at the Jenny Craig Pavilion this weekend, beginning with the University of San Francisco tonight at 7 p.m. On Saturday, the Toreros play Saint Mary's College at 1 p.m.

Hilliard said the Toreros' future opponents better bring their best games for the second half of conference play.

"It's going to take somebody a monumental effort," Hilliard said, "if they are going to beat us."



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Senior Kristen Carlson recorded 16 kills and 13 digs to lead the Toreros to a sweep of Santa Clara on Saturday. Carlson has 13 double-doubles this season.

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School's going great. I'm studying loads of stuff - geology, and more. I'm even learning about finance. Crazy. Did you know that buying a condominium now at The Lido comes with incentives up to \$10K? That's a lot of cash, I mean, capital.

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